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LONDON NIGHT CLUB BRIBERY CASE

THE SENTENCES

DEFENDANTS SENT TO PRISON WITH HARD LABOUR

15 MONTHS FOR MRS. MEYRICK

London, Yesterday.

Goddard has been sentenced to 18 months' with hard labour and fined £500 on each of the four counts.

He was also ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Ribuffi and Mrs. Meyrick were each sentenced to 15 months' with hard labour.—Reuter.

DESK CALENDARS

CONTAINING SEDITIOUS MATTER

FIRMS FINED

The Sun Co., Ltd., was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy for "that they without lawful authority or excuse did have in their possession one desk calendar containing seditious matter."

Mr. W. D. Owen, who appeared for the defence pointed out that the charge was incomplete in that it omitted the word "knowingly." That, he said, was important because if there was a defence, that would be the most likely defence.

After referring to the Ordinance, his Worship said that the omission of the word "knowingly" made no difference to the charge at all. The defence had to show that they did not have knowledge.

Mr. Owen said that as a matter of fact he had been instructed to plead "guilty" and to say that it was impossible in the circumstances that the defendants should know.

Ordered From Canton

His clients ordered the calendars from Canton. Every year they gave an order for such desk calendars through a representative of the makers in Canton. On this occasion some 20 or 27 blocks were ordered. When they arrived they were not inspected and were placed in the Book Department for sale. Only one of the lot received contained the seditious leaflet complained of. In the circumstances he asked his Worship to call it a mere technical offence and impose a nominal fine.

After reading the translation of the leaflet a copy of which was also supplied to Mr. Owen, his Worship remarked that the matter complained of was "very objectionable."

Mr. Owen agreed.

Replying to his Worship, Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said the police did not take a serious view in the circumstances, but the charge had to be brought forward because they considered that the defendants should have "shroffed up" their goods.

His Worship agreed that it was the defendants' duty to exercise some care, and decided to impose a fine of $25.

Others Summoned

The Wing On Co., Ltd., were then summoned for the possession of six of these calendars.

Mr. Wilkie Lum entered a plea of "guilty" and said that they were not aware of the presence of the leaflets.

Mr. Murphy said that in this case six out of ten calendars contained seditious matters.

His Worship, however, decided to trent the case the same as the other and imposed a fine of $25.

The Sai Kai Booksellers of No. 74a, Hollywood-road were also fined $25 for the possession of one calendar which their representative said had been received as a sample.

The confiscation of the calendars was ordered in each case.

H.M.S. 'DORSETSHIRE'

LAST OF THREE OF THE 1926 PROGRAMME

10,000 TON CRUISER

London, Yesterday.

H.M.S. "Dorsetshire," the last of the three 10,000-ton cruisers authorised in 1926, has been launched at Portsmouth.—Reuter.

In the Summary Court this morning, further claims concerning the sinking of the s.s. "Ko Chow" at Wang Moon in the West River last year were mentioned. Owing to the absence of a witness on both sides Mr. Justice Jacks granted an adjournment. Two cargo boat owners were the plaintiffs.

HEROIC SKIPPER

NATIONAL HEROES IN AMERICA

TRIUMPHAL TOUR

Washington, Yesterday.

Captain Fried, after heading a triumphal procession in Broadway yesterday, when the "America's" crew arrived to find themselves national heroes, has been ordered by the Shipping Board to hand over command of the "America" to the chief officer.

Capt. Fried is apparently to tour the United States pointing out the perfections of the American mercantile marine on the lines of Lindbergh's tours to demonstrate American aerial superiority.—Reuter's American Service.

[Capt. Fried's exploit is described in a cable published last week, reading as follows:—In the face of tremendous difficulties as a result of mountainous seas, the steamer "America," commanded by Captain Fried (who was the hero of the famous rescue of the crew of the British steamer "Antinoe" three years ago) saved the entire crew of the Italian steamer "Florida" off Virginia Capes.

The "Florida's" crew were on the verge of collapse. Many were stripped to the waist when rescued in the darkness, and the ship had a heavy list. The injured were hoisted into the "America" by means of a breeches buoy. The "Florida" was abandoned.]

WILLING BUT CAN'T

WORKERS WITHOUT WORK AT HANKOW

ANTI-JAPANESE BOYCOTT

Hankow, Yesterday.

Severe winter conditions are being experienced, causing work to be scarce and adding to the considerable unemployment prevailing.

The boycott of Japanese continues. Isolation of the Japanese Concession is being rigidly enforced, but there are no signs that the public is taking any interest in the matter. The boycott, accordingly, appears to be entirely artificial.

Local coolies would work night and day if they were not prevented by the Boycott Society from doing so.—British Naval Wireless.

ARMAMENT RACE

AMERICAN "WARNING" TO BRITAIN

EDITORIAL COMMENT

New York, Yesterday.

Seldom has any utterance by a Republican aroused so much editorial comment as a statement by Mr. Britten regarding Mr. Hoover.

The comment, mainly, strongly condemns the former's erroneous imputation. The "Evening Telegram," however, warns the British to "curb their Admiralty's warlike policy" otherwise she cannot expect Americans indefinitely to prevent the "dangerous armament race desired by our Brittens."

Washing, Yesterday.

The Senate appropriation committee has added to the War Department's supply bill nearly $2,230,000 for the construction of new army aeroplanes.—Reuter's American Service.

THE WORKLESS

SLIGHT DECREASE IN HOME FIGURES

London, Yesterday.

On January 21 the total number of unemployed was 1,425,600. This was 9,397 less than the week before, but 246,850 more than a year before.

Prince Among Miners

The Prince of Wales, who travelled by train overnight from London, arrived at Newcastle this morning to visit the distressed areas of the Northumberland and Durham coalfields. After an early breakfast at the station he set out on his three days' tour in wretched weather, the whole countryside lying under snow and slush.

His visit is entirely informal and no notification is being given of places he is visiting. By this means and by personal interviewing he will have the best opportunity of judging the actual circumstances of the miners and their dependents.—British Wireless Service.

HAROLD ORIGINAL

GRAMOPHONE NEEDLES' CASE IN COURT

COMPENSATION GRANTED

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on behalf of Mr. H. Stehr, manager of Messrs. Siemsen & Co., in connection with a charge against the Wah Lok Co., of infringing Messrs. Siemsen's trade mark on the wrappers of boxes of "Harold Original" gramophone needles, made in Germany.

Defendants were not present in Court.

Mr. Armstrong said that 196 packages of the needles, worth about $1.25 each were seized at the defendants' premises in the course of a police raid.

Mr. Lindsell said that he could not issue a warrant for the defendants' appearance in Court because no names had been given.

Mr. Armstrong said that the prosecution did not know the name of the proprietor of the defendant firm. However, he would ask the Court to make an order for the seized property to be handed over to the complainants as some compensation for the loss they had incurred in bringing the case to Court.

"Gone to Canton"

Detective Sergeant Fitches said that the place he raided was not a shop but an office. When he executed a search warrant there he was informed that the principal had gone to Canton.

Mr. Armstrong told the Magistrate that the needles seized in the defendant's office were genuine. They were manufactured in Germany and could be imported by other dealers as well as his clients. What was complained of was the infringement of the trade mark on the wrappers which the complainants placed on each box of needles they imported, before placing them on the market. The presence of Messrs. Siemen's wrappers on the boxes had the effect of finding a ready sale of the needles besides fetching a higher price than the needles imported by other dealers. That was why the defendant firm had copied Messrs. Siemen's wrappers.

The Magistrate made an order for the handing over of the seized property to Mr. Armstrong's clients.

OVER-BALANCED

JAPANESE SEAMAN ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED

Captain Y. Yoshioka, master of the s.s. "Yuboe Maru," reported to the police yesterday that a seaman on the ship was accidentally drowned at 2 p.m., while the vessel was entering Hong Kong harbour.

The unfortunate man was engaged in opening the galley scuppers when he overbalanced and fell into the sea. In order to open the scuppers the sailor had to get over the side of the ship into the boatswain's chair and stoop over from this position.

The man sank immediately he hit the water and did not re-appear on the surface.

HUMPHREY'S ESTATE

RESULT OF YEAR'S WORKING

The annual meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd. will be held as the Hong Kong Hotel on Friday February 8, at 11 a.m.

The net profit for the year ended Dec. 31, 1928, after deducting directors' and general managers' remuneration and including $101,415.52 brought forward from last account, amounts, to $268,728.90, which the directors recommend should be appropriated as follow:—

Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share	$120,000.00
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Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA'S ATTITUDE AT GENEVA

MR. WANG EXPLAINS

FORMERLY CHIEF VICTIM OF INDIAN OPIUM

NOW DRUGS FROM ELSEWHERE

Geneva, Yesterday.

At a further sitting of the League of Nations Opium Commission, Sir Malcolm Delevingne (Britain) urged the pillorying of firms which chiefly supplied drugs for illicit traffic.

Mr. Wang King-ki (China) issued a statement that he did not wish to bring up questions which were purely political, but the opium problem in China was a political one. It was important to explain how China was exposed, without defence, and poisoned by floods of dangerous drugs.

"Preventing" China

The intellectual classes of China might gain, Mr. Wang's statement continued, the impression that the League of Nations Opium Commission was attempting to prevent a thorough discussion of the matter, although it was fully empowered to deal with it.

He, Mr. Wang, could not understand why several members of the Commission seemed to be trying to prevent China collaborating in the humanitarian task.

Solemn Protest

China was formerly the principal victim of Indian opium, Mr. Wang added. She suffered more to-day still more from harmful drugs from Europe and Japan.

Mr. Wang also said that epithets had been used against China to make the Chinese feel that they were almost isolated in the League; and he concluded by solemnly protesting against the decision of the Commission not to submit China's wishes to the League Council.

Japan's Denial

An earlier cable read as follows:

The recent outburst by Mr. Wang King-ki (of China), and the objections raised to his political references, was the subject of further discussion to-day at a sitting of the Opium Commission of the League of Nations.

The matter was brought up by Viscount Sato (Japan) who asked the Commission to insert in the agenda, a protest against the statement of Mr. Wang King-ki, who accused Japan and Europe of poisoning the Chinese people.

Viscount Sato vigorously denied the allegation voiced by the Chinese delegate to the effect that Japanese troops had protected a criminal traffic in drugs during the Shantung Expedition.

"Absurd"

Regarding the assertion that the presence of Japanese troops in Shantung violated the League Covenant, Viscount Sato said it was absurd to raise a political question of that nature, which the Opium Commission was not competent to discuss.

He also expressed gratification at the Committee's refusal to discuss the matter.

Mr. Wang King-ki intends to reply to Viscount Sato. He asked to be treated as equal with other delegates.—Reuter.

INTERPORT SOCCER

Shanghai Team for Hong Kong

The Hon. Secretary of the H.K.F.A. has received information from Shanghai that the Shanghai Interport team, consisting of 15 players, manager and trainer are leaving Shanghai on February 5, arriving in Hong Kong about the 8th idem. oppose Hong Kong is not definitely selected but the following players will travel.

Goal:—David.

Backs: — Wilson, Reed, Palmer.

Halfbacks: — Pote - Hunt, Costa, Private Moore, Duffy, Sash.

Forwards:—Favacho, Sinclair, Baxter, Private Jones, Private Wright, Stokes.

Manager:—Captain Reed.

Trainer:—Mr. Quayle.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 1/16.

FAILED TO NOTIFY

KOWLOON MAGISTRATE'S REPRIMAND

SMALL-POX CASES

"You have acted disgracefully," said Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kowloon Magistrate, this morning, severely reprimanding a man who was charged with failing to report a case of small-pox and who was also alleged to have removed the patient elsewhere when it was discovered.

In connection with the case, the principal tenant of No. 36, Shanghai-street, was brought to face the charge.

In admitting the charge, the defendant said that he did not know what to do with the child when it was suffering from the disease. He submitted that he had no intention of concealing the case and that he had only been in the Colony a short time.

According to the prosecution, no fewer than seven cases of small-pox had occurred in the man's locality. The defendant, it was alleged, had removed the patient to Canton on its being discovered. He submitted that there was no excuse for "not knowing," as the Secretary for Chinese Affairs had recently notified what should be done in such cases.

The defendant was fined $50 on each count or, in default, one month's hard labour.

Another Case

During his visit to a house at No. 3, Yam Chow-street, which had been receiving its annual lime-washing, Sanitary Inspector A. Simton discovered a child suffering from small-pox. On looking into the adjoining cubicle, he found another child suffering from the same disease.

Consequently, the father of the children was this morning summoned before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy and charged with failing to notify the case to the authorities.

The defendant said he had only been in the Colony for a month and he did not know the regulations of the Colony.

In answer to the Magistrate, the defendant said that he had not heard of the spreading of small-pox in the Colony.

A fine of $50 was imposed.

"INCORRIGIBLE"

LAME HAWKER AGAIN IN TROUBLE

At the Central Magistracy this morning, a lame Chinese on crutches was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with selling cigarettes contrary to the provisions of his hawker's licence.

Inspector Field, of the Licensing Office, told the Magistrate that the man was before the Court in the early part of the month for the same thing. He was the man who had had his licence cancelled twice and then given fresh chances, only to go off and sell cigarettes again.

Addressing the accused, his Worship remarked sternly: "You are incorrigible. You have been given two chances after your licence had been cancelled, but you have again and again done the same thing—insisting upon selling cigarettes. You are taking advantage of the elemency of the Court. Fined $10 or 14 days, and if you come up again I will fine you $30 or $40."

TO BUY PLANT?

SHANGHAI ELECTRICITY UNDERTAKING

If present plans develop as anticipated, stated the "Shanghai Times" on Jan. 26, ratepayers in the International Settlement at Shanghai will be asked to decide at the next annual meeting whether or not they are willing to sell the Electricity Department of the Municipal Council to private interests. It is understood that three separate interests are in the field to acquire the Electricity Undertaking, and there is in Shanghai at the present time a representative of a British Corporation who has been engaged in inspecting the plant and going into details, and four other prospective foreign purchasers are on their way here.

Leningrad, Yesterday.—The first institute in Soviet Russia for the study of Buddhist culture was opened in the Academy of Sciences in the presence of a number of prominent students from the East. Scherbatsky has been appointed director of the Institute.

DUAL CONTROL

NANKING DEPARTMENTS IN COMPETITION

WIRELESS & TELEGRAPH

Shanghai, To-day.

Competition between the wireless services controlled by the Ministry of Communication and by the Reconstruction Council, respectively, was made public yesterday by an advertisement in the vernacular papers, issued by the Ministry of Communications, which claims, by virtue of seniority and also the necessity of unification of the telegraph and wireless services, that both should come under its sole control, also calling on the Reconstruction Council to hand over control of its wireless stations to the Ministry of Communications.—Reuter.

AFRICA'S POLITICS

WHITE MAN'S LAND OR KAFFIR STATE

BIG ISSUES AT STAKE

Capetown, Yesterday.

The native issue is emphasised in a ministerial manifesto signed by General Hertzog, Mr. Tielman Roos and Dr. Malan, condemning the "Sap's" (South African Party's) native policy. The manifesto declares that the white man's existence and his civilisation in South Africa are at stake, and protests that the leader of the party is aiming to make South Africa a part of a British confederation of African states throughout Africa where whites and blacks are equal.

"If South Africa must be handed over to the native, let the whites know in order that we may prepare by needful measures for our safety, even though it means seeking a home elsewhere." The manifesto quotes the principle laid down in the Kenya White Paper, with which the Hilton Young report agrees, that the interests of the natives must be paramount, but asks "Who dare say that the British Dominion which Smuts strives after will be a white man's land and not a Kaffir state?"

"Complete Travesty"

General Smuts has issued a statement in which he repudiates the construction put upon his recent speech at Ermelo by "the scare manifesto of the Nationalist triumvirate."

He says it is "a complete travesty of my remarks, deliberately meant to mislead public opinion and stampede the public on the native question. The document can only have the effect of making us odious to all those South Africans and Britishers who are building up European civilisation in the states to the north of us.

That the Prime Minister and two other Ministers of the Crown should sign such a document is the crowning humiliation of our public life and an ill omen for the future."—Reuter.

AMERICA'S NAVY

VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

A DISCLAIMER

Washington, Yesterday.

The question of the views of the President-Elect on naval matters was brought into prominence by a statement of Mr. Britten, Chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Committee, representing Mr. Hoover as favouring the retention of the time-limit clause in the United States naval construction programme, providing the construction of the cruisers shall begin within a specified time. He is also in favour that the U.S. Navy should be "second to none."

President Coolidge is opposed to the time-limit and is said to be in favour of the Cruiser bill merely as a means of bargaining with Great Britain for naval disarmament.

An official statement has been issued on behalf of Mr. Hoover, who is at Miami, disclaiming the attitude attributed to him by Mr. Britten. Mr. Hoover has sent a message to President Coolidge stating, "I warmly support your views."

In The Senate

It is anticipated that the Senate will pass the Cruiser bill with the time-limit.

Senator Walsh of Montana, opposing the bill, considered that it interfered with future attempt by by the United States to obtain further naval limitation agreements and declared that supporters of the measures had in mind the possibility of war first with Britain, and secondly with Japan.

Arbitrary Method.

Commenting on Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, which has been well received here, the New York "World" opines that since Anglo-American naval requirements are quite diverse, it would be well to let the building of ships proceed in both countries, and arbitrarily declare their respective fleets existing in 1931 as at parity.—Reuter's American Service.

SALVATION ARMY LITIGATION

BEFORE HIGH COURT

AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED FOR BOTH SIDES

WHAT COUNSEL SAY

London, Yesterday.

General Booth's motion, contesting the decision of the High Council of the Salvation Army to depose him from office, was heard before the High Court to-day.

His counsel submitted that the General had not had an opportunity of meeting those who are making charges against him and replying to them.

Affidavits on both sides were read including one by members of the Council who went to Southwold to petition the General to retire. They claimed that he was unfit for the burden of office and emphasised that no personal charge was made against him.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

COASTAL MOVES

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Captain J. D. Whyte, of the "Nanchang," is on reserve.

Captain W. Shaw, from reserve, has gone master, "Nanchang."

Mr. T. B. Low, chief officer, "Chungking," has gone chief officer, "Newchwang."

Mr. F. Gibbs, extra chief officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief officer, "Shengking."

Mr. A. Taylor, chief officer, "Shengking," has gone chief officer, "Chungking."

Mr. J. Atkins, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kingyuan."

Mr. J. Whyte, chief officer, "Kingyuan," is on reserve.

Mr. G. L. Crampton, chief engineer officer, "Linan," has gone chief engineer officer, "Ningpo."

Mr. N. McMillan, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Ningpo."

Mr. J. P. J. Maher, extra chief engineer officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief engineer officer, "Linan."

Mr. R. H. McLean, from reserve, has gone extra second engineer officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. A. MacDonald, third engineer officer, "Yunnan," has gone third engineer officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. G. J. Hatch, third engineer officer, "Whangpu," has gone third engineer officer, "Yunnan."

Mr. A. Andrew, second engineer officer, "Shuntien," is on Home leave.

Mr. D. Warden, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, "Poyang."

Mr. W. D. Gardner, third engineer officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone third engineer officer, "Sulyang."

Captain W. J. Booker, of the "Hopsang," has resigned from the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.

Mr. W. G. Walters, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chaksang."

Mr. J. R. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kwongsang."

Mr. A. E. Smith has been appointed extra second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. E. J. Grainger, third engineer officer, "Kungwo," has gone third engineer officer, "Leesang."

Mr. J. Turner, third engineer officer, "Leesang," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Porterfield, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Loongwo."

Mr. J. D. Myler, chief officer, "Halward," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Lowrie, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Halvard."

Mr. R. P. McGregor, second engineer officer, "Kaiping," is on reserve.

Mr. W. H. S. Ward, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Kaiping."—"Shipping and Engineering.

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L. BERNIS, Manager.

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.

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K. NAGURA, Manager,

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Hong Kong, 19th January, 1929.

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H.K. MOTORISTS

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCN.

STILL FLOURISHING

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association was held yesterday afternoon in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

The meeting was attended by a large number of local motorists, and was presided over by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who addressed the meeting as follows:—

The accounts for the year ending December 31, 1928, have been in your hands for a few days and, with your permission, I shall take them as read.

The membership of this Association shows an increase and the funds are in a very satisfactory state. The balance at the end of the financial year remains approximately the same although the expenditure has increased by about $1,500, provided from more revenue. The entire expenditure is due to increased facilities to members.

I do not need to call your attention to the very large increase in the number of private motor cars in this Colony these last twelve months—one has only to try and discover a vacant parking space during the middle of the day to know for yourself, and this question of parking cars is like in every city in the world becoming an alarming one and has given your Committee much anxious consideration. It will be for the incoming Committee to further consider this matter.

Careful Driving Necessary

Apart from private cars, public cars and taxis have to be provided for. With all these cars and now numerous long and short buses of varied colours, motoring in the limited space in this City has become such that the most careful and considerate driving is absolutely necessary if accidents are to be avoided and your Committee have taken up the matter of road improvement from the widening of the same to the enlargement and cutting of corners with much thought and care, and I am sure members will appreciate the many improvements that are slowly converting these streets, which were built for rickshas, pedestrians and perambulators (laughter) into, although perhaps not racing tracks, fairly respectable motor roads. I cannot ask you to give all the credit for this to this Association as we owe a great deal to the wise and thoughtful decisions of the Roads Department of the Public Works who so courteously consider any recommendations we may put forward.

When the wide 75 and 100-foot roads are opened on the new Praya East Reclamation and carried through from Arsenal Street to Shaukiwan any old resident returning to this Colony will find a splendid and amazing transformation. Such improvements to a city like this motoring is entirely responsible for and an Association such as this is an essential acquisition to the Colony to benefit motorists and to assist the powers that be in bringing them about.

An Appeal

I do not hesitate to say that it is nothing more than the duty of every man and woman owning a private motor car to lend some little support to the efforts made on his behalf. There are many who are not yet Members of this Association and I appeal to those to join. I ask them not to retort "What do I gain by joining" but to think a little. I met a man the other day with whom I was discussing the parking of cars and he replied that he always parked his at the City Hall I asked him why and he said "I know my car will be looked after with the A.A. patrol there." I replied "yes, that is one of the advantages of being a Member." I was horrified when he answered "Oh, I am not a Member" (laughter).

Two years ago, your then Committee arranged for free mechanical and legal advice and a number of Members have availed ed themselves of the privilege.

Patrols Increased

During the last year the A.A. Patrols have been increased in number and they are undoubtedly useful. I would advise Members, however, to put the Association Badge on their cars if they have not already done so as Patrols have instructions to give such cars special attention and care.

Traffic regulation has been a matter that has constantly come before your Committee in 1928 and although it may not be perfect I venture to say that in this congested city it is very good. The small number of accidents is I think a fair test.

Another matter to which your Committee has given much attention is the possibility of providing bathing facilities from distant shores accessible mainly to motorists and I am glad to say that a very suitable site has been granted to Members by the Government near Castle Peak where it is proposed to put up a bathing pavilion of substantial structure for the use of members. It is hoped that a similar arrangement may be made on this side of the Harbour.

Proposed Motor Exhibitions

You will remember the excellent Motor Car exhibits in the recent Tattoo which evinced great interest. Similar projects will, I hope, be forthcoming. I can suggest a mammoth daylight decorated car procession on some festival day—also a Motor Car Show would be interesting. The recent dinner dance was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Do not think that the necessary arrangements for carrying these events through are made by the mere wave of a wand—they have needed much work, careful thought and energy and I wish to express my thanks and your thanks to your Committee for the generous time they have given during 1928 to the welfare of the Association and its Members.

I think my term of office as President of this Association has been a successful year, not due to anything I have done, but to the hard work of others. It is customary at these meetings to throw bouquets about but I am not going to do so. I will gather them all up and present one big bunch to our hard-working Honorary Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Upsdell. (Applause). Mr. Upsdell thinks only of motor cars when he is awake, dreams motor cars when he is asleep and breathes motor cars when he is dozing. I cannot imagine anyone who could possibly do more or could get more done than he has, I am sorry to say he is leaving us for a well earned holiday and I cannot close this report without expressing my own, my Committee's and I know your deep appreciation and thanks to him for his sacrificing assistance for our general welfare. (Hear, hear).

I propose the adoption of the accounts for the year ending December 31, 1928.

The motion was duly seconded and on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Bathing Shed

Mr. C. C. Hickling asked the chairman for further details of the proposed bathing beach which was mentioned in his speech.

The chairman replied that details of the project were not yet complete. The Association had been in communication with the Government during the past year and endeavoured to acquire a site to provide members of the Association with facilities for bathing during the summer. Recently a site was acquired near Castle Peak, being two miles on the town side of Kowloon's most popular bathing resort.

The chairman mentioned that the Association had tried to procure a site on the Hong Kong side but had as yet been unsuccessful. The plans for a substantial structure near Castle Peak were in the course of preparation and would be placed before the incoming committee.

The election of the in-coming committee resulted as follows:—President: Mr. Ho Leung; Vice-President, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy; General Committee: Messrs. W. J. E. Mackenzie, E. J. Spradbury, C. M. Manners, G. Wilson, M. K. Lo, P. Todd, A. Stephenson, C. P. Marcel, J. Smith and E. O. Tregillus.

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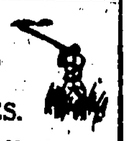

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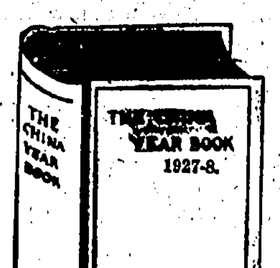

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Beef Sirloin	牛尾把	lb.	25	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	28	11
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	34	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛肉	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	26	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	24	20	18
„ Steak	牛排	„	28	24	22
„ Steak Sirlon ...	牛柳腩	„	40	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh ..	牛脷	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—$1.20	
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt ...	牛肺	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	each	10	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	28	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet ..	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排骨	lb.	46	26	—
„ Leg	羊脾手	„	46	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊肉	„	44	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍	„	46	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	猪腸	„	30	—	27
„ Brains	猪腦	Per set	5	—	12
„ Feet	猪腳什頭	lb.	15	15	—
„ Fry	猪心腰肝骨脾	„	28	15	18
„ Head	猪頭	„	18	20	—
„ Heart	猪心	each	15	10	10
„ Kidneys	猪腰	„	15	10	3
„ Liver	猪肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	猪排骨	„	34	25	23
„ Leg	猪後腳	„	35	—	—
„ Loin	猪腰肉	„	42	60	70
„ Fat or Lard ...	猪油	„	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet ..	羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	46	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	lb.	25	25	22
Suet, Beef	鮮牛油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	鮮羊油	„	46	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	30	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	32	—	—
„ „ No. 1..		„	28	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	36	16	24
Bream	鯛魚	„	24	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	省城塘魚	„	28	13	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	36	16	27
Catfish	鮡魚	„	24	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	38	16	27
Crabs	蟹	„	36	23	26
Cuttle Fish	墨魚	„	22	16	2
Dab		„	36	23	16
Dace	黃尾肚	„	28	20	—
Dog Fish	海狗魚	„	16	10	8
Eels, Conger	淡水鰻	„	35	16	—
„ Fresh Water ..	黃田魚	„	24	10	18
„ Yellow	石鱔	„	48	26	30
Frogs	田雞	„	66	32	25
Garoupa	龍躉	„	64	40	30
Gudgeon	斑魚	„	26	22	18
Horrings	白丑	„	28	18	23
Halibut	龍利	„	26	18	15
Labrus	花魚	„	32	22	18
Loach	鰍魚	„	74	22	24
Lobsters	蝦	„	66	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	„	20	20	26
Monk Fish	鮟鱇魚	„	28	18	2
Mullet	烏頭	„	36	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	62	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	鱸公	„	34	20	15
Pike	狗魚	„	18	16	9
Plaice	花班	„	35	26	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	56	36	30
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	„	38	36	45
Prawns	蝦	„	46	10	14
Ray	魟魚	„	16	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑	„	32	13	13
Roach	沙魚	„	36	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	„	75	36	30
Shark	鯊魚	„	12	8	10
Skate	魟魚	„	14	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	38	32	30
Snapper	紅鯧魚	„	62	26	35
Soles	龍利	„	32	28	28
Tench	丸多魚	„	18	28	18
Turbot	左口魚	„	34	16	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	細水龜	„	1.50	40	—

Poultry.

			Jan. 25, 1929. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	斑鳩	each	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking) ..	雞蛋	per doz.	32	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	„	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hoihow	海口鴿	„	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	—	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞嫲	„	—	51	45
Snipe	沙追	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	1.80	—	—
Quail	鶴鶉	each	28	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	80	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	65	35	—
Apples (California) ..	金山蘋菓	„	20	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Caramoola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	8	25	30
Lemons (America) ..	金山檸檬	each	8	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	—	25	30
Oranges (Canton) ...	新會甜橙	„	10	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	18	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	18	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large ..	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	5	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	17	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	20	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	„	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鴉芝竹	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	5	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅頭	„	10	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦青瓜	„	5	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	6	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	8	—	—
„ (Shanghai) ..	椰菜	„	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch ..	蔗筍	„	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large) ..	大椰菜花	each	16	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	13	—	—
„ (Small) ..	細椰菜花	„	9	6	6
Carrots	金笋	lb.	7	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘奧菜	„	8	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒干	„	25	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	22	10	16
„ Green	青辣椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English..	架屋材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	清瓜	„	8	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	8	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	18	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	8	45	—
Lettuce	鵝生菜	„	8	1	—
Water Chesnuts	馬蹄	„	8	—	8
„ Mandarin.	桂林馬蹄	„	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh ...	鮮草菰	„	—	—	3
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋葱頭	„	8	8	3
„ Green	生葱	„	5	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海葱頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	5	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	20	3	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	5	8	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	—	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	4	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大千菜頭	„	5	—	10
Shallots	千葱	„	—	8	3
Spinach	菠菜	„	10	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄頭	„	6	4	—
Taro	芋頭	„	6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔	„	4	6	—
Vegetable Marrow		„	5	4	—
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental Upset Price.
	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1358.	Junction of Apliu Street and Kweilin Street, Shamshuipo.	ft. As	ft. per	ft. sale	ft. plan.	about 4,320	$ 30

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	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1358.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1117, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. As	ft. per	ft. sale	ft. plan.	3,240	$ 22	$ 4,950

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5	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1358.	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1117, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. As	ft. per	ft. sale	ft. plan.	About 2,232	$ 16	$ 3,348

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6	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1358.	Opposite New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1117, Cheung Sha Wan Road, Shamshuipo.	ft. As	ft. per	ft. sale	ft. plan.	About 1,160	$ 8	$ 1,740

NOTICES.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited., on THURSDAY, the 31st January, 1929. at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd January to 31st January, 1929, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th Jan., 1929.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Chinese Merchants' Club, 5th floor, China Building, Queen's Road Central, at 3.00 p.m. SATURDAY, the 16th February, 1929, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 9th February to SATURDAY, 16th February, 1929, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG-PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

LAMMERT BROS.

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NOTICES.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 31st January to FRIDAY, 8th February (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 24th Jan., 1929.

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That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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"HSINWAH" INQUIRY

FURTHER IMPORTANT EVIDENCE

ADJOURNED TO TO-MORROW

After sitting the whole of yesterday afternoon, the Coroner's Court adjourned the "Hsinwah" inquiry until 11.15 to-morrow (Thursday) morning.

At the resumption yesterday afternoon, A Kitchell, Government Wireless Operator on board No. 4 Police Launch, said that he was on duty between 4 and 8 a.m., on January 16, the morning of the disaster. He sent his first call through to the Water Police Station at Tsimshatsui at 4.12 a.m., and got through without any difficulty.

Asked by the Coroner to explain why Tsimshatsui failed to get him when the Water Police called up the launch between 5.30 and 6.15 a.m., the witness replied that between those hours he received no call whatever, and it was not until he called them up himself that he received a message from the Water Police Station.

At 6 o'clock the witness changed over to a full receiving battery, but that only took one minute to complete. Witness could not explain why he did not get a call.

The Coroner then mentioned that between 7 and 8 a.m., the Water Police again tried to call up the launch but received no reply. The witness was asked to explain it.

He said that at 6.45 the sea was very rough and he became seasick and was unable to carry on. Witness got up at 7 o'clock an with difficulty called up Tsimshatsui and asked if they had any message for the launch.

Replying to the jury, the witness said that between 5.30 and 6 a.m., the launch was still at anchor in shelter.

Operator's Evidence

Lai Sheung, an operator in the Radio Telegraph Office was then re-called and declared that Waglan did not call him up between 5 an 5.20 a.m. He said that if a call from Waglan was sent through before 5.20 the buzzer with which the line was connected would have sounded. The buzzer had not sounded a minute when he answered the call which came through at 5.20.

Mr. F. H. Kemp, telegraph engineer in Government service gave technical evidence as to the working and condition of the cable line from Waglan. Weather reports were received from Waglan without difficulty, and according to the tape the last reports were received at 2 o'clock on the morning in question. He had examined the tape and was satisfied that it had not been tampered with. He was also satisfied that between 2 and 4 a.m., no further message came through from Waglan.

Informed of Mr. Hast's evidence that when he was tapping a message through at 3.20 a.m., he only got "Repeat, Repeat," the witness said that unless the person receiving the message had something in front of him which he could read, it was conceivable that he would ask for "Repeat." In point of fact, the Morse letter in the message received from Waglan at 4.08 a.m., was bad, as also was the spacing. In examining all three messages later, the witness spent two hours before he could decipher them. Witness had since examined the Waglan instrument and cable connections and found them to be functioning properly. The bad Morse was due to the bad style of sending. The bad message from Waglan was transmitted by Mr. Hast.

Mr. Hast was re-called and asked if he could offer any reason for the apparent contradiction of his evidence by both the operator and Mr. Kemp.

Witness replied that it was firmly fixed in his mind that he did send the messages and that he did get the word "Repeat." Whether the messages he sent were read by sound or by the tape the witness could not say. By experience the witness knew that there were occasions when operators could read by sound. He repeated that he was under the impression that he did send the messages and added that it was a morning of excitement and confusion and he could not remember rightly.

"Repeat, Repeat"

Witness then produced the tape used at Waglan but could not say if the words "Repeat, Repeat" were on it.

Remarking that it was very important for Mr. Hast as if the words were on the tape it would clinch the whole matter, the Coroner gave the tape to Mr. Kemp and asked that a translation be produced in Court at the next hearing.

Inspector Ogg having stated that that was all the evidence he could call other than those who were on the ill-fated ship, the Coroner directed the Police Officer to consult the Naval Authorities to see if it would be possible to get evidence from that quarter as to what messages were received that morning, and at what time.

Chief Officer's Evidence

The Chief Officer of the ill-fated "Hsinwah," Mr. Peter Jacobsen, was then called. He said that he held a master mariner's certificate issued at Reval. It was an Esthonian certificate. Witness had been on the China Coast for eighteen years and had been in the employ of the China Navigation Company for eight years.

The "Hsinwah" was English built and was only six years old, her registered tonnage being 1,358. She left Shanghai on January 11 and left Swatow on January 15 at 12.10 p.m. for Hong Kong, carrying about 300 passengers and with a crew of about 108, including officers. The officers were Capt. M. P. Jansen, who was Master, witness who was chief officer, Mr. Kuo Ching-hui, who was second officer, Mr. Campbell, who was chief engineer, Mr. Beveridge, who was second engineer and Mr. Salamanuk, who was third engineer.

Speaking of the second officer, witness said that he was appointed to the ship by the Head Office in Shanghai on January 3. The second officer had made a trip on the "Hsinwah" from Shanghai to Tsingtao and back before he trip to Hong Kong when the vessel was lost. Witness gave it as his opinion that Kuo was competent to stand a watch and he presumed that the second officer had some sort of a certificate.

Second Officer's Watch

Continuing his evidence, witness said that on the night of January 15 he (witness) was on duty from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. On going off he banded the watch to the second officer. At that time the ship must have been some forty miles from Waglan and in witness' opinion the light ought to be sighted by about 8 a.m. Witness showed the second officer the estimated position of the ship on the chart and also told him to inform the Captain when Waglan was sighted or, at the latest when the log showed 130 miles.

Witness then left the bridge and went to his cabin to sleep. His cabin was on the lower bridge deck. Some time later witness was awakened by the ship grounding. He had no idea what time it was as he had no opportunity of finding out. Putting on some clothes hastily, witness proceeded to the upper bridge, where there were several people, but owing to the darkness witness could not recognise any of them except the Captain.

As soon as he got off his cabin, said witness, he saw the Waglan light about four points on the port bow of the ship. Witness realised that he was on the rocks to the north end of Waglan Island, the bows of the ship then pointing in a southerly direction. At midnight when he left the bridge the ship was proceeding in a W.S.W. direction.

The Ship's Course

Asked if he knew the ordinary course his ship would have taken, witness said that the ship would probably have gone round the south of Hong Kong and entered by way of Green Island. The Captain had mentioned to witness on the latter going on watch at 8 o'clock that they would go south of Waglan the following morning.

Coming back to the scenes immediately following the grounding, Jacobsen said that there was great confusion. When he was on the bridge he observed that the engines were still going full speed. The Captain then gave orders for the lifeboats and rafts to be got out and almost simultaneously sent out distress signals. The Captain did not give witness any information as to the cause of the grounding. They held no conversation.

Witness said that the ship carried six lifeboats and on witness giving the order for the lifeboats to be got out, there was great confusion and it waas noticed that the ship's crew were not in their proper posts.

Off the Rocks

After some time—it might have been anything from ten minutes to half an hour—the ship got off the rocks. The Waglan lights then appeared to be ahead, about eight points on the port bow. The ship was swinging and after some time it seemed as if she had struck lightly. The Captain then said "The propellers have gone!" and gave orders for the ship's anchors to be dropped.

Witness went to the forecastle with the ship's carpenter and together they managed to lower first the port anchor and then the starboard and "slacked" the chains. The anchors appeared to hold the ship.

At this time the Captain ordered that all lifeboats and rafts were to be lowered, but this was only partly done as there was a big list and the boats on the port side were so placed as to make it impossible to lower them. Witness said that he thought at this stage that he heard the voices of both the second and chief engineers.

Efforts were made to get the starboard boats away, but as far as witness could see, only one boat got clear away. The ship was by this time settling down by the head and the seas soon began to break over the bridge. Witness said he could not say whether he acted instinctively or whether he was washed overboard by a big sea, but he found himself in the water shortly afterwards. He had a lifebelt on.

In the water, witness was able to get hold of a bamboo stool and he drifted for several hours, until 9 or 10 a.m. in the morning when he was picked up by a fishing junk and taken to Aberdeen.

In the darkness, said the witness, he could sense the presence of other swimmers, but with daylight all signs of other human beings disappeared and he could see no one. At the time when witness went overboard, all the lights of the "Hsinwah" were out.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that the rafts were air-tight drums lashed together with bamboos and wires.

In answer to the Police, witness said that the Captain was on the bridge with only his pullover on. He himself, if he were on duty, would wear a coat, as it was very cold that night.

The inquiry was then adjourned.

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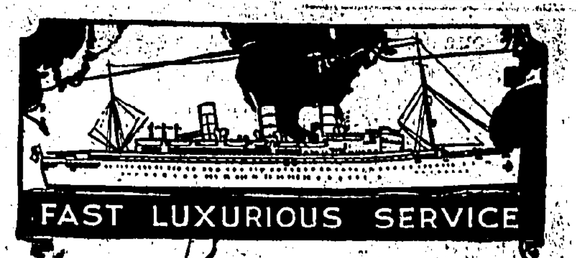

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 8.30 a.m. left Kobe same day at 4 p.m., and was due at Yokohama today at 2 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on Sunday at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 4 p.m.

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The M.V. "Remo" sailed from Singapore yesterday, and is due here on Feb. 4.

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KASHGAR	9,005	16th Feb.	M'seilles, C'blanca, L'don & Hull.
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	Marseilles & London.
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TANDA	6,956	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
TALAMBA	3,018	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
KHIVA	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
TALMA	10,000	19th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,986	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
—	—	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
SANTHIA	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'hama & Osaka.
NALDERA	16,038	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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LEGAL ANOMALIES

While one may not be able quite fully to subscribe to Tony Weller's succinct and pertinent dictum, "The law is a hass," one can at any rate appreciate its significance to be able to realise the burdensome nature and obvious injustice of many of our Acts of Parliament. A concrete example is to be found in the Aliens Restrictions Act, which is a product of war-time necessities.

Prior to 1914, as it is only too well known, Great Britain was the dumping-ground of all the anarchists and undesirables of Europe. Expelled from their own countries or fled therefrom in fear of their lives, they found in London and the great commercial cities a safe refuge wherein they might concoct mischief, seldom disturbed by the inquisitorial arm of the law. Then came the war and the vital necessity of excluding from our shores foreigners who might prove a menace to national safety, and there followed the Aliens Restrictions Act of 1914.—

"An Act to enable H. M. Government in time of war or imminent danger or great emergency by Order in Council to impose restrictions on aliens and make such provisions as appear necessary or expedient for carrying such restrictions into effect."

Amongst the powers thus obtained was that of

"Prohibiting aliens from landing in the United Kingdom . . . and of imposing restrictions or conditions on aliens landing or arriving in any port in the United Kingdom."

In due time the war was over, and the Government of the day, having learned the utility of this Aliens Act, determined to continue so useful a measure, and we had the Aliens Restrictions (Amendment) Act, 1919, which applied the provisions of the war-time measure for one year and extended its scope. Then, as year succeeded year, we have had the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, which has perpetuated this and other war-time measures —some necessary and some the reverse.

Exit Foreigners

Those associated with shipping are aware of the state of things which existed before the war so far as foreign seamen were concerned, which was that almost every port in the United Kingdom had its very large quota of resident and floating alien maritime population, which was, indeed, at that time a menace to the well-being of the British seamen. A great change has taken place since the war, and the numbers of alien seamen in our large ports have been considerably reduced; in this respect the Aliens Act has probably conferred a benefit upon a deserving class of worker. But it has at the same time placed a considerable burden upon the shipowner.

The sub-section of the Statutory Rules and Orders under the Aliens Act appertaining to such engagements reads as follows:—

"Any alien to whom this subsection applies shall be removed from the United Kingdom by the master of the ship in which he arrived or, if directions for the purpose are given by the Secretary of State or an emigration officer, by the owner or agents of that ship, to the country of which he is a national or from which he embarked for the United Kingdom or where (if a seaman) he was engaged."

This sounds quite simple, but when translated into actual practice causes a very considerable amount of trouble and no little cost. The statistics which have been furnished refer to a small area only of the shipping community, and while the cost when averaged over the ships and men does not perhaps appear so very great, it is sufficient to enable one to realise that, multiplied by the great number of vessels which are continually having to employ seamen abroad, it must be considerable in the aggregate.

During the nine months of this year to September 30, 502 foreign seamen of varying nationalities, engaged abroad through a variety of circumstances, were brought to a certain East Coast port upon 111 vessels, and the cost of their repatriation to the owners was £2,319 16s. 4d. While some of these vessels had only one or two aliens abroad—in some cases a stowaway for which the owner is likewise responsible—others had as many as ten or a dozen, and these from a distant eastern land, from all of which it will be observed that the cost to the individual owner of these latter-mentioned vessels would be considerable.

Troubles of Nationality

But the cost is only part of the burden imposed by this Act. The 502 men returned to above belonged to over 22 different nationalities:—French, 2; British, 28; German, 39; Spanish, 19; Greek, 18; Norwegian, 33; Swedish, 40; Dutch, 72; Danish, 37; Italian, 15; Arabs, 52; Portuguese, 7; Chinese, 69; Indian, 1; Egyptian, 3; Russian, 4; Estlonian, 28; Finnish, 10.

That a heterogeneous mixture of individuals of this kind are not readily distributed to their various destinations is easily conceived, and it may be said that when many of them are almost without papers of any value whatever and are liable to be repudiated by their supposed country of origin, the matter is more complex still.

Hence the necessity for a circular issued by a certain shipping organisation quite recently, asking its members to warn their masters to exercise the greatest possible care in picking up seamen abroad and at all costs to refrain from shipping men in Russian ports. Usually these seamen engaged in Russian ports have no identity papers, and the Soviet Government refuses to recognise them on their return, which creates as nearly as possible an insoluble problem for the shipowner. A striking example of this is to be found in the case of one of the Russians in the above list—a stowaway without papers—who came aboard the ship in question at the beginning of this year, and is still being carried round the world by the shipowner.

British and Yet Alien

Perhaps not the least of the burden of the Act, and certainly the greatest anomaly thereof is in respect of the natives of British Dependencies and Protectorates. Take, for example, the Arabs. During the war the Government was only too glad to recognise these seamen as of British nationality, and were ready to overlook the absence of identity papers. Now, when they are shipped abroad and brought to Britain they are treated as aliens, and upon the British shipowner is imposed the obligation of sending out East as passengers subjects of the Empire who are unable to justify their claim to be such by the necessary papers.

There was a period when the desertion of British seamen in the United States ports was encouraged on the other side, and the high wages prevailing there made the same frequent. Many of the substitutes engaged were unable to produce nationality papers, and shipowners were put to endless trouble and expense in negotiating and effecting their repatriation, which in some cases was practically impossible.

Desertions are now less frequent, however. The U. S. Mercantile Marine have apparently sufficient personnel who are claimed at any rate as Americans, and in the case of deserting Britishers, the alien laws are being more strictly applied. While the numbers are less, however, the situation is little less unsatisfactory. When substitutes have to be engaged in American ports they are frequently Greeks or Spaniards, and other Continentals, who have served time in the gaols, who are sometimes foisted upon British shipmasters, and who have, of course, when they arriver, to be repatriated to their country of origin.

The "Aliens Act," however, has no doubt come to stay; every foreign seaman shipped abroad under whatever circumstances must be returned at the expense of the unfortunate owner who has engaged him, and the only remedy is a special surveillance of the crew in foreign ports where desertions are likely to occur, and greater vigilance on the part of the master and officers in engaging the necessary substitutes to see that they possess the papers of their country of origin.

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T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Sun., 17th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Keelung, S'hai & Moji	HOSANG	Tues., 5th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 15th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sun., 24th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Sat., 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	TUENSANG	Tues., 12th Feb. at 1 p.m.
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January 25 to 31, 1929.

Days	High Water		Lower Water	
Jan.	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 25	m 10 51	4.2	m 3 51	0.2
	9 8a	3.3	2 24 a	3.2
Sat 26	m 11 32	4.3	m 4 33	0.2
	9 56a	3.1	3 13 a	3.1
un. 27	0 10a	4.3	m 5 14	0.4
	10 45a	7.7	4 1 a	3.1
Mon. 28	0 47a	4.4	m 5 54	0.8
	11 23a	7.3	4 50 a	3.1
Tues. 29	1 25a	4.5	m 6 33	1.2
			5 42 a	3.2
Wed. 30	m 0 20	6.5	m 7 12	1.7
	2 5a	4.7	6 43 a	3.4
Thurs 31	m 1 7	5.7	m 7 48	2.5
	2 46a	4.9	7 35 a	3.6

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To Manila.

Pres. Cleveland	Feb. 2nd 6 p.m.	Pres. Jackson	Feb. 26th 6 p.m.
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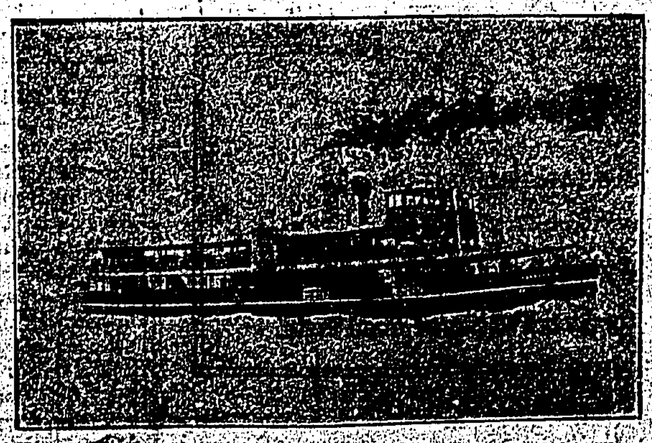

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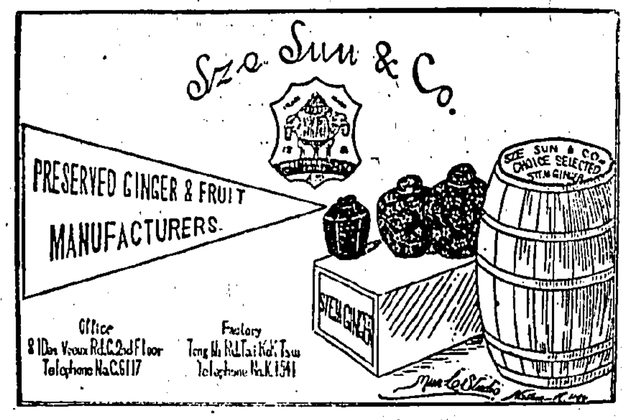

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BIRTH

CONIBEAR.—On January 23, 1929, at Ningpo, to Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Conibear, a daughter.

DEATHS.

ROLFE.—On January 24, 1929, at "Trevelyan," Haywards Heath Sussex, Ellen Elizabeth Rolfe, mother of P. H. Rolfe, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., grandmother of Claude H. Rolfe, of Canton, and Mrs. Phyllis H. Hagen, of Army, and great grandmother of Audrey June Hagen, Helene Maude Hagen, Clive H. Rolfe and Claudine Rolfe, in her 93rd year.

TORRES.—On Friday, January 25, 1929, in Shanghai, Henrietta Francisca Torres, aged 62.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1929.

WEALTHY AMERICA

It has been well-known that since the Armistice, and probably some time before that happy event occurred, the United States has been without the slightest doubt the wealthiest country in the world. In pre-war days Great Britain easily held that distinction; but one cannot spend 6½ million pounds daily, as the British did for months during the War, without very materially crippling their finances for many a year to come. The marvel is that Great Britain is as financially stable as she undoubtedly is at the present time, and that London still retains the proud distinction of being the world's greatest financial centre speaks volumes for her wonderful vitality, the commercial activity and enterprise of her people and particularly of her bankers. But the United States has, during the past few years, accumulated wealth almost miraculously until at the present moment its financial possessions are astounding — probably much greater than those of any other nation at any time in the world's history. A telegram from Washington in yesterday's "China Mail" gave some facts and figures that spoke very eloquently on that point. The wealth of the United States, it was stated authoritatively, had increased seven-fold in the past fifty years, while wage-earners had trebled and the population had more than doubled. Since 1880 individual deposits in banks had increased "nearly 24 times" and at the close of 1927 deposits amounted to the stupendous total of $320,000,000,000. Indeed, truly stupendous. In fact, it is well authenticated that practically one-third of the world's gold currency had found its way to the vaults of New York banks.

But it would appear that there is another side to this roseate picture, just as there was a big shock to the complacency of our American friends when, a year or so ago, in the midst of what appeared to be unbounded prosperity, statistics showed that the unemployment problem in at least certain parts of the United States was very vital. That President Coolidge does not regard the present situation in his great country altogether with equanimity is clear from another Washington telegram printed in yesterday's "China Mail" and seems to be indicated by the fact that he finds it necessary to point out that as the National Government is facing a possible deficit Budget in the current financial year, it is imperative that rigid economy of Federal expenditure should be continued and that "the rapidly mounting cost of State and Local Government must be sharply curtailed if national prosperity is to be maintained."

The statements mentioned appear to be of a contradictory character, and point to the fact that a nation may accumulate wealth rapidly and at the same time use it extravagantly and even wastefully. It is against extravagance and waste that the President is issuing a warning. Doubtless the officials responsible for the State and Local Governments regard their country's present prosperity as very opportune for them to put right what they regard as wrong and they "plunge" accordingly. The President does well to intervene, for even the longest purse will be found much too short if prodigality such as seems to have prevailed is long continued.

When the Christian churches are united again, if ever, it will not be because one side beats the other, but because they are all affected by a new spirit that comes into the world. New truth is usually rejected when it first makes it bow, but in the course of time it gets in everywhere.—E. S. Martin in "Life."

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau will present the prizes at St. Stephen's College on Friday at 11 a.m.

Chinese calendars for the coming year have been forwarded by the Canadian Pacific S.S. Company and the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. and Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.

Yesterday's return of notifiable disease in the Colony, according to reports to the Medical Officer of Health, comprised six cases of small-pox, all Chinese, five from the city and one from Kowloon, also one case of diphtheria.

Mr. Yue Wan, of the Educational Department, will distribute the prizes at the Yeung Chung Girls' College at the Ko Shing Theatre to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The girl students, assisted by members of the Chin Woo Athletic Association, will stage an acrobatic display.

The local estate of Mr. Pang Tsun-sang, some time compradore of the s.s. "Lungshan," who died intestate on Aug. 21, 1928, at No. 1, Lee Yuen-street West, Hong Kong, amounts to $7,700; and letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Pang Chiu Shi.

Estate in Hong Kong valued at $32,800 was left by Mr. Tong Sin-ping, who died at No. 25, Tung Tau, Kowloon City, on Sept. 1, 1928. Probate has been granted to Yau Shi, Kwok Shi, Wong Shi (daughters-in-law) and Wai Shi (great granddaughter-in-law), who are each to receive a quarter share.

Two men, who together with two others appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, were committed for trial on a robbery charge. The first two were also charged with attacking and injuring three men and a woman in a matshed at Sheung Ksai Cheung.

Letters of administration to the estated valued at $28,400 of Sheriffa Madar, widow, sister of Mr. Omar el Arculli, manager of Arculli Brothers, Exchange-building, who died intestate at No. 22, Kennedy-road on Nov. 8, 1927, have been granted to the son, Mr. Ahmad Husain Madar. The deceased lady is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Mr. C. P. James who was acting agent of the Dollar and A. O. Lines during the absence of Mr. T. B. Wilson on leave, left yesterday by the s.s. "President Grant" for America, where he has gone on furlough. His wife and son accompanied him. Mrs. James was a very willing worker for the servicemen in the old Cheer 'O and also at City Hall concerts.

Mr. Cheng Tsz-kong, alias Ming Yee, who died on March 8, 1912, left estate in this Colony worth $16,200. He was connected with the Yuen Fat Shek Chan firm whic used to be at Ki Ling-lane, Saiyingpun. Probate has now been granted to Chong Chung-ka, the second son, of No. 257, Des Vœux-road Central. Delay was due to the son's not being aware that he had to apply for administration.

Letters of administration to the estate in Hong Kong of Mons. M. H. Edourd Detieux, Governor of Colonies, Director of Finances of Indo-China, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and Croix de Guerre, who died intestate at Hanoi on March 9, 1925, amounting to $2,500, have been granted to Mr. T. G. Bennett, attorney of the widow, Madame A. M. H. Madeleine Lefebre, of No. 2, Boulevard de Louvain, Marseilles.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I was much interested in the telegram which appeared in your paper last evening which indicates that the Boston Directors of "The Christian Science Church" admit that Mrs. Eddy used drugs.

Mr. Adler, the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Hong Kong has several times stated in the Press that it was impossible for a Christian Science practitioner "to co-operate with what is known as medical science."

Mr Adler has claimed that "there is no foundation for the allegation that Mrs. Eddy was compelled to take drugs and that she passed on under suffering," and has also stated "that Mrs. Eddy used drugs is not a fact, but fiction."

He has utilised such words as "erroneous," "misrepresentation," "deliberate falsehoods," "false assertions," "untrue," "unscrupulous," "unchristian," "malicious," etc., in connection with the general subject of Mrs. Eddy and the use of drugs.

What has Mr. Adler to say now?

It is also observed from the telegram quoted in your paper last night that the Boston Directors were compelled to accede to a demand to remove from Sibyl Wilbur's biography of Mrs. Eddy (so frequently referred to by Mr. Adler as an authority) the denial that drugs had been used by her.

This is not surprising to those who read Mr. Dittemore's letter in the "China Mail" of December 27, 1928, in which he stated that this book contains a wholly false statement that "for fifty years" spiritual treatment was Mrs. Eddy's "great and only physician."

What next? How many other things remain to be uncovered? Will Mr. Adler withdraw his misstatement concerning Mr. Dittemore or must the directors do it for him?

Mr. Adler must now realise the truth of his statement that correct views of any religion cannot be gained from misrepresentations. He also wrote in the "China Mail" on October 12, 1928, that "it is impossible to prove what is not true." Although he has evidently endeavoured to do this (possibly inadvertently), his Directors have prevented him from doing so.

Would it not be wise for Mr. Adler (and others) in future to examine closely for themselves new unfoldments of truth and to study dispassionately both sides of a question, instead of following blindly and unintelligently a religious dictatorship and rushing into print without a knowledge of the facts?

I will remind Mr. Adler that he used the following quotation from the Bible in referring to an article in the "China Mail" on October 23, 1928, entitled "Mrs. Eddy and Drugs" which was signed by Mr. Dittemore and Mr. Beauchamp: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it."

Now that the lie has been uncovered and the Directors have been compelled to admit the truth of the statement that Mrs. Eddy used drugs, Mr. Adler is again placed in the position, having misled the public, of being obliged to retract his statements.

If he practises the ethics which he preaches, he will withdraw all of the above mentioned false assertions and the harsh words used by him which have been quoted.

The public may now judge as to whether or not Mr. Adler has shown strict adherence to the Golden Rule in his many letters to the Press. The following quotation from Mrs. Eddy answers sufficiently the natural questions which must arise in the minds of your readers: "The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation. It must not be forgotten that in times past arrogant ignorance and pride, in attempting to steady the ark of Truth, have dimmed the power and glory of the Scriptures, to which Science and Health is the Key."

I enclose my card,

Yours, etc.,

TRUTH.

Hong Kong, Jan. 30.

John Bernard Kidder, a constable stationed at Bakewell, Derbyshire, was at Chapel-en-le-Frith fined £3 and £3 3s. costs for dangerously driving his motor-car.

The fire service has been installed by Messrs. C. E. Warren & Co., who are also responsible for the sanitary installation and water service. Mr. Wong Kwan-pak, Yaumati, made all the tables, bookcases, chairs, and other woodwork.

GOOD VALUE

NEW WESLEYAN SAILORS & SOLDIERS HOME

TO BE OPENED TO-DAY

Good value strikes the visitor as the keynote of the new Sailors and Soldiers Home, Praya East, whether it be examined from within or without.

It is to be opened officially to-day by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) who will be welcomed by the President, the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, of the Wesleyan Church.

In the programme, emphasis is laid on the need for a further $15,000, in spite of generous donations so far by the public. And it will be seen that it is worth it.

The entrance is just beyond Arsenal-street, not far from the old Home, which is to come down to make room for road improvements. Because of the new road level, the new Home stands back from the present Praya kerb.

Public Rooms

On the ground floor is the billiard room with two full-sized tables. The tables and accessories are absolutely new, and from Messrs. Crawford, Ltd. This room has a very striking fireplace and mantel-piece of carved wood. Against the wall, raised on a dais, is a row of arm chairs each provided with an ash-tray.

The reading room, also on the ground floor, is set out with small writing tables, chairs and arm chairs. Writing materials, periodicals, magazines and local newspapers are provided.

The restaurant is equipped with glass topped tables. It can accommodate 80 men at a time. Meals for a day can be had for a total cost of $1.50. Breakfast is 40 cents, tiffin 60 cents, and dinner 80 cents. All the bread and cakes are made on the premises.

Service

The kitchen opens off the restaurant. It is equipped with the latest appliances. There is a large Kelvinator refrigerator, a coal range and two gas ranges, all from Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co. A special sink is provided for washing and preparing vegetables which insures cleanliness.

All the kitchen equipment is new. A hand service lift runs from the kitchen to the upper floors, and the men in private rooms can have early tea in their rooms if they wish. The cutlery and crockery has been supplied by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

Assembly Room

On the first floor is the assembly hall, which can accommodate 200 persons. This is a finely designed room with a concert platform on which are two new pianos, presented by the Wanchai Wesleyan Ladies' Church Aid Society. Concerts, lectures, etc., will be given in it and it is hoped to provide some such entertainment nearly every evening.

Opening off the assembly room is a small committee room, and a library for the men, equipped with small tables and chairs, book cases and easy chairs. There is also a small rest room for ladies of the committee and a quiet room in which lectures on more serious subjects will be given and services held on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Bed Accommodation

On either of the two bedroom floors are large, white tiled bathrooms, each having two showers, a row of wash basins, three baths, and lavatories. The supply of hot and cold water is unlimited. A bath costs 30 cents; there is no charge for a shower.

Details about the sleeping accommodation follow:—

Private bed rooms, 8: each with bed, table, chair, electric fan, light and large window.

Cabins, 16: with bed and chair, for which the charge is only 60 cents a night.

Dormitories: with 63 beds, for which the charge is 30 cents per night each.

Every room has electric fans. The dormitories have special "sleeping" lights. The bedsteads are all new and of handsome black enamel frames with good spring mattresses and adequate bed clothing, having been supplied by Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw.

Roof Garden

On the top floor are the laundry, washing and ironing rooms, and a roof specially fitted with drying apparatus.

A large portion of the roof is set aside as a roof garden with a red tiled floor. This will be used on summer evenings for concerts, lectures and for sitting out.

The home has a staff of 22 servants. There is a self-contained flat for the manager (Mr. W. H. Smith).

Fire escapes and appliances are on every floor, although the building is made of fire proof stone.

The Architect is Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., Messrs. Klen On were the building contractors.

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YING WA COLLLEGE

MRS. SOUTHORN PRESENTS PRIZES

YEAR OF CHANGES

A satisfactory year's working was reported by the head mistress of the Ying Wa School, in connection with which Mrs. W. T. Southorn distributed the prizes yesterday. The actual ceremony took place in the Hop Yat Church and among those present were Mr. Law Yan-pak and the Rev. F. Short.

Miss H. Davis, reporting on the year's working, said it was marked by a most extraordinary number of changes, by a great sorrow, and a great joy; but through all the many changes that the year had brought, the loyalty and co-operation of the staff, and their great helpfulness, both in ordinary and in extraordinary ways, had been a matter for very great thankfulness.

When we opened School on February 6, she continued, Mrs. Lam and Miss Joughin joined our English staff, and Mrs. Li, Miss Sin, Miss Wong Kam-ho, and later, Miss Ho Kam-laan our Chinese staff.

A meeting of the whole School was held on April 12 on the playground to say farewell to Miss Hutchinson, who was leaving for furlough in England two days later. On the day of sailing the whole of the Upper School and representatives of the Lower School went on board to see Miss Hutchinson off.

The Y.W.G.S.

Just one month from that date, and before Miss Hutchinson could even arrive in England we were most unexpectedly called upon to part with another whom we shall not see here amongst us again. On May 15, Miss Wong Tsing-lin, who had been with us for over twenty-five years (having come to us early in 1903), was very suddenly taken from us. As Junior, then as Senior, Teacher, as confidante and adviser-in-chief, as a true helper at all times, and in a thousand varied ways, Miss Wong was a colleague simply invaluable. She had most faithfully watched over and tended, and most carefully guided, the growth of the Y.W.G.S., almost from the very beginning in the old premises until the time when we were daily expecting to take possession of the New Building. To the Y.W.G.S. she gave unstintingly all her time, and all her powers, and all her most generous and gracious personality up to the very last.

In June, Miss Joughin had to give up her work with us and return with her family to England as her father was recalled to take up an appointment at the Admiralty. Mrs. Bates then began work with us.

In July, Miss Moody of Central China, had also to leave us and to return to her station in Hankow, where conditions had become more normal and settled. The girls gave her a great send-off, and will not soon forget her.

At this same time, Mrs. Li had to leave us through ill-health, and Miss Sin for work in Canton.

A "New Frock"

The Ying Wa Girls' School has got a new dress this year! The old garment was not outgrown, but outworn, and quite inadequate for the growing child. The new has been a very long time in preparation, and some of us are inclined sometimes to criticise the finishings,—but when all is said and done, the new frock is good to look at and comfortable in use, and we are now not ashamed to receive our friends when they come to visit us. This has been made possible for us by the generosity of the Hong Kong Government, of the London Missionary Society, and also of personal friends, to all of whom we tender our most sincere and heartfelt thanks. We were only given actual possession of the new building at the end of August, and had to prepare for reopening School on September 6.

We have had no formal opening, but that day, when we actually marched up and into the new building, filed up the central staircase, took possession of the classrooms, and finally, gathered in the Hall above for a Thanksgiving Service, was for us a "Day of Days," and the crown of many years of patient laborious planning, and of "Hope long deferred." For the rest of the summer, the airy classrooms, and the cool corridors, to say nothing of the fine Assembly Hall, have been to us, and will be, a very great delight.

On October 30, the Director of Education, our good friend Mr. A. E. Wood, with Mr. Law Yan-pak, the Inspector of Vernacular Schools, another friend of ours from the Education Office, made a visit of inspection of the Ying Wa Girls' School in its new premises.

In November our Fourth Year Class of the Middle School sat for the Junior Local Examination of the Hong Kong University. We hardly hoped to be as successful as in 1927, but we were very thankful on December 31 to learn that, again, we had no failures among our candidates, while one, Leung Tsu-ho, also obtained Distinction in Music and Scripture.

Besides our own successes we must also count in one who came to us as a very small boy, and who laid the foundations of his knowledge in our Kindergarten and Primary classes—who has just taken his B. A. at the University, was "capped" last week, and is now teaching in King's College.

At the end of November, Mr. Law Yan-pak came again to inspect the work of our Chinese classes.

After distributing the certificates Mrs. Southorn expressed her great delight in seeing around her the many happy faces of those who had obtained certificates. She also congratulated Miss Davies on the success of the school.

AT CHEUNG CHAU

NEW GOVT. SCHOOL OPENED

BY MR. A. E. WOOD

Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, yesterday formally opened the new Government school at Cheung Chau. Messrs. Ralphs, Alabaster and Davis and Mrs. Minett and Mrs. Franklin were among those present.

The headmaster, in reading his report, referred to the founding of the school in 1908, for the accommodation of 20 boys, in a rented building from which it was transferred in 1928. On May 31, 1923 the building collapsed and the school had to be transferred to a building on the waterfront, but owing to imperfections in the structure another move was made on December 18 to a matshed building.

Misfortune again overcame the school for in 1926 this structure was entirely demolished by a typhoon and since then the school has been conducted in a rented building near the ferry wharf.

The maximum enrolment during the year was 54 and the average attendance 46 as against 42 and 32.46 respectively in 1927. During the last year 39 new boys were admitted.

The school has five class-rooms each accommodoting 30 boys, and possesses an excellent play ground.

At the annual examination out of 40 boys examined in English 28 passed, and in Chinese out of 40 examined 26 passed. Great interest was taken in sports. At the 6th annual athletic meeting on May 2 last, the competitors on the whole showed keen interest and did better than on previous occasions. A school library has been started but owing to lack of funds only a few books have been bought.

The headmaster regretted that the majority of the boys after having passed Class 6 had been unable to continue their studies in Hong Kong owing to the cost of living. To live in Cheung Chau and attend school in Hong Kong was also impossible as ferry fares alone cost $144 a year. He was pleased to be able to state that Mr. Li Yau-tsun, of the Ferry Company, had very kindly permitted two of the Class 6 boys, both holders of scholarships, to travel free aboard the launch when attending school in Hong Kong.

FOUND HANGED

RECTOR'S REGRETS AT NOT MARRYING

LONELY LIFE

Bisley, Surrey.—The Rev. John Gwyon, aged 60, for 33 years rector of Bisley, near Woking, was found hanging by a cord from the skylight in a room in an old and unoccupied rectory at Bisley. He had been missing for some little time.

Mr. Gwyon had for some years occupied a single room above the village post office. He once confided to a friend that he had two chances of marriage and said he wished he had married as he felt the need of companionship and someone who would mother him.

Although Mr. Gwyon was a well-known local figure, he spoke to few of his parishioners, and a woman resident said that it was only on rare occasions that he had a congregation at the church.

She said that the rector's chief interest seemed to be in the church, and that in the summer he used to spend hours in the churchyard. He appeared to be bearing some great sorrow and often, after spending the day roaming about, would go home to bed early in the evening.

Many people in the parish did not like their rector, and complaints had been made about his ministry.

The rector felt that he would have to leave the parish consequent upon inquiries which had been made by the bishop, and this seemed to make him depressed and ill.

"POT POURRI"

COYNE MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME

Anoter excellent programme at the Star Theatre last evening with the Company in fine form, and a programme consisting of much variety and taste was warmly greeted by a good audience, especially in the popular seats.

Several old favourites of the Company's were encored, Miss Joyce Mason in her Honey Bunch, and Love, and her combined item with Miss Paula Loraine in "A Glimpse of Holland" being very clever.

The Temptation Trio, Messrs. Roy Shirley, Fred Coyne and Paula Loraine was an equally clever and popular item, and Miss Joan Carlin was given an enthusiastic recall for a very pleasing rendering of "My Blue Heaven" and in other turns sang very sweetly.

Sidney Burl was given a real part in "The Substitutes" a clever little sketch by the combined company, but perhaps the best combined item of the evening was a distinctly clever sketch with Miss Joan Carlin as interlocutor and the Company acting in dramatic and comic roles with the help of the letters of the alphabet only, an exceedingly amusing sketch.

A bright start and a bright programme was certainly true of last evening's performance, which displayed this clever little company's versatility to the utmost.

The farewell performance tonight is deserving of a bumper house and Hong Kong will remember the Coyne Company for many bright hours of clean and clever entertainment.

THE NAVY'S GROG

NO ISSUE FOR OFFICERS

From the amendments to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions just promulgated it would appear that the Admiralty has recently had under consideration the rules relating to the issuing of rum to the men of the Fleet. Some of these are of no particular importance; but one relating to the issue of rations on Sundays will, says the Naval and Military Record, be of interest to the general body of men. The amended article states that in shore establishments and sationary ships, and in seagoing ships present and giving week-end leave at ports in the United Kingdom, no issue of the standard ration is to be made on Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Whit-Monday, King's Birthday, and August Bank Holiday. For those days the messes are to be credited with victualling allowance in lieu of standard ration and messing allowance any service provisions that may be required being taken up on repayment. Spirit is to be issued only for the men actually present who are entitled to it. The foregoing procedure may be extended to include Saturdays where such extension is considered desirable.

Minute Directions

Another amended article provides that a daily ration of ½-pint of spirit or an allowance in lieu (grog money) is allowed to persons victualled on standard ration and messing allowance, or on the general mess system, or in receipt of victualling allowance, except as follows: (a) No person is to receive a spirit ration in kind, or grog money in lieu, until he is 20 years of age. Grog money is payable, however, to certain ratings under 20 years of age who enter before Oct. 1, 1930. (b) No officers are entitled to the issue of a spirit ration, or to an allowance in lieu. (c) The spirit ration is not be issued to naval ratings serving in naval hospitals or hospital ships, nor to Royal Marines at Royal Marine divisions or depot, R. M. These men are to receive grog money in lieu if entitled.

The allowance of spirit for the ship's company, the article further states, is to be mixed with three parts of water to one of spirit and issued every day on deck in the presence or such officer as the captain may appoint. It is, as a rule, to be issued at dinner time but it may be issued later in the day, under the approval of the captain, if exceptional circumstances render such a course desirable. No raw spirit is ever to be issued except to chief petty officers and petty officers.

The premises of Messrs. Hope Brothers, outfitters, of The Quadrant, Richmond, Surrey, were broken into during a recent Sunday night and a safe containing more than £500 was taken away.

The White Star liner "Majestic" (56,551 tons), which arrived at New York from Cherbourg recently, made the voyage in 5 days 9 hours—beating her previous westbound record by 42 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Cousins, of Kingswood, near Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, celebrated their diamond wedding recently.

"BODY AND SOUL"

SUPERB ACTING AT QUEEN'S THEATRE

CALL OF YOUTH

If Lionel Barrymore had no reputation at all as a film actor (which he has, of course) his presentation of the half-crazy doctor in "Body and Soul," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, would establish him in the front rank of his profession. He plays the part of an elderly medico married to a young and pretty woman. Youth, in time—as it must—calls to youth, and we see a young fellow receiving small favours at the hands of the wife, played adequately by Aileen Pringle. The husband, old and drink-sodden, imagines all sorts of things which really do not happen, though all feasible and, under other circumstances, highly probable, and returns from the inn one night and brands his wife's back, with his family crest. A neighbour interferes, there is some shooting, and the wife is taken to a new home. The picture ends on a dramatic and satisfactory note, and all who see it will be impressed by the superb acting of the two principals and Norman Kerry and T. Roy Barnes, the postman who had that youthfulness which the elderly husband despaired of and feared.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

Mr. W. A. Pennell has been elected President of the Shanghai Amateur Billiards Association.

According to the "Peking Leader" the wedding took place in Tientsin on January 11 of Mr. W. Timann, German Counsul-General in Hankow, and Mrs. W. Berrens of Tientsin.

Weather reports issued by the Siccawei Observatory will hereafter be distributed by the Chinese Coastal Wireless Bureau, instead of the French Wireless Service, as has been the case hitherto.

The Sino-French commission to assess the damage inflicted on French citizens during the Nanking Outrage resumed their sittings at the Shanghai office of the Waichiaopu last week but the results of the conference were not disclosed.

The Municipality of Greater Shanghai has been asked by the Chapei Tenants Association to issue an order forbidding landlords forcibly to evict their tenants without reason, as they believe that tenants have been forced to leave their homes because the landlords seek higher rents.

M. J. Avenol, Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Nations, arrived in Shanghai by the M.M.S. "Sphinx", from Marseilles and was welcomed by a large number of foreign and Chinese officials. He is on his way to Japan, whence he will proceed to Canada.

Singapore was the scene of much committee action during Bishop Lee's first week in Malaya, records the "Malaysia Message." Three important groups, the Publishing House Committee, the Finance Committee and the Cabinet met almost daily for the entire week. These various committees brought many visitors to Singapore—Rev. and Mrs. Hoover, Rev. Bower, Rev. Archer, Rev. Pykett, Rev. Peach, Rev. Proebstel, Rev. Blasdell and Rev. Dodsworth.

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral recently of Mr. G. Scott Eames, of Stringston, Somerset, and Miss H. M. Baylis, of Camborne, Cornwall. Archdeacon Swindell officiated, and the bride was given away by Mr. C. G. Mawson, and was attended by Mrs. Mawson, matron of honour, and the Misses Eva and Peggy Mawson, flower girls. Mr. R. A. Dix was the best man, and after the ceremony a reception was held at his house. The honeymoon is being spent at Bukit Fraser.

"STUPID"

A Chinese hawker was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, with selling calendars in West Point contrary to the provisions of his licence.

His Worship: Calendars at New Year time, surely he ought to be given grace these few days.

Divisional Inspector Bloor agreed.

In ordering the defendant's discharge his Worship remarked to the interpreter: "Tell the constable it is stupid to arrest the man for this."

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Body and Soul."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

To-day—Star Theatre; "New Lives For Old."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Law of the Range."

To-day—Star Theatre; Farewell performance of Coyne's Musical Comedy, 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1—World Theatre; "New Lives For Old."

Jan. 31-Feb. 1-2—Star Theatre; "Why Worry."

Jan. 31-Feb. 2—Queen's Theatre; "Hangman's House."

Feb. 2—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

Feb. 2-3—World Theatre; "Why Worry."

Feb. 2-3—Star Theatre; "Seventh Heaven."

Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B. as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Feb. 19, 21, 22, 23—Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club presents "On Approval," at the Theatre Royal.

Lammerts' Auctions

Jan. 31—At No. 5B, Armend Bldgs., Kimberley-rd., Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Jan. 31—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Feb 1—At No. 4 Tantallon Terrace, The H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Hunghom, valuable household furniture, 11 a.m.

Feb. 2—At 334, Kowloon Tong, valuable household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Sports

Feb. 1—Closing of entries for Fanling Hunt Steeplechase, noon.

Feb. 3—Gymkhana of 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Kwanti.

Feb. 9—Boxing Tournament at the City Hall, 9.15 p.m.

Feb. 9-10—Paperchase, etc., at Canton by invitation of Members of Canton Ride.

Feb. 17—China New Year steeplechase meeting of Fanling Hunt, at Kwanti race course.

Feb. 25, 26, 27 & Mar. 2—Hong Kong Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting.

Meetings

To-day—Annual general meeting of St. David's Society (Hong Kong) in Sanitary Board Room, Post Office Building, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Shareholders of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Feb. 1—Monthly meeting of the Referees' Association at Chaplain's Hut, Scandal Pt., 6 p.m.

Feb. 1—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Opening of New Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Praya East, by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).

To-day—Lecture by Rev. Fr. R. Gallagher, S.J., on "Science: Exploring The Wood," St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Review of Royal Naval Brigade by H.E. C.-in-C. China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald V. Tyrwhitt, Bart, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.

Jan. 31— Annual inspection of Sharpshooters' Company, Police Reserve, Police Headquarters, 5 p.m.

Feb. 2—Annual distribution of Prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians, 10 a.m.

Feb. 4—Lantern Slide lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 6—Rev. Fr. P. Joy, S.J., speaks on "Religion: The Fetters of Freedom," at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 13—Lecture on "The Religion Of To-day And The Science Of To-morrow," by Rev. Fr. R. Gallagher, S.J., at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 20—At St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road, the Rev. Fr. P. Joy, S.J., lectures on "A Book And Its Story," 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 23—Laying of Foundation stone of the Kowloon branch of Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Feb. 27—Lecture at St. Patrick's Hall, 5 Garden Road on "The Fortress Still Standing," by Rev. Fr. G. Byrne, S.J., at 5.30 p.m.

March 7-8—Church of England Diocesan Conference, St. John's Cathedral Hall, from 5.15 to 7.15 p.m.

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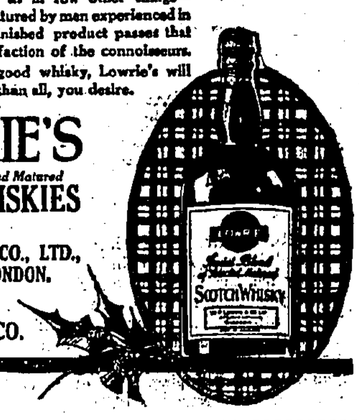

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THE CATHEDRAL

PEW RENTS TO GO: A NEW ELECTORATE

DEAN'S REPORT FOR 1928

Activities of St. John's Cathedral last year were reviewed by the Dean (the Very Rev. A. Swann, M.A., D.S.C.), at the annual meeting of seatholders and subscribers held yesterday evening.

His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria (the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.) presided.

Dean Swann's report was as follows:—

I look back upon the year 1928, my first in Hong Kong, with both thankfulness and humility, thankfulness for what God has been able to accomplish in our Cathedral Church, and humility for my own failures which have handicapped His operation.

Congregations at Matins and Evensong on Sundays have been consistent; changes in the weather still affect the attendance too much, but there is a large number of persons who are faithful enough to ignore such fluctuations.

Principal Service

Communicants have been slightly more frequent in their attendance, but the increase is small. The average Sunday number in 1927 was 20, while in 1928 it rose to 23. Such numbers, you will readily understand, give pain to those who have the Holy Communion Service and believe that it is divinely intended to be the principal Service of the Church. I am conscious of our failure to win our people to a recognition of the true place of this Service in our devotional life, and the realisation of this failure makes one humble.

We have been glad to notice increased generosity in collections and subscriptions; the total of these is $1,154.00 in advance of those in 1927. This is a cheering sign, since, under modern circumstances, the support of the Church's work must be mainly through the giving of money and increased giving indicates a desire to back up that work.

Music Improved

We have also given more money "away," which is good. Nearly $1,000 more than in 1927 was given in 1928 to outside objects. This is an advance very much in the right direction. Almsgiving proper does not begin until we ourselves gain nothing from our giving. Contributions towards much of what we call "Church Expenses" is for our own benefit. The amount we give to other people indicates the extent of our Christian spirit.

The music of the Cathedral has unquestionably improved. Our thanks are due to Mr. Mason and the members of the choir, and also to the Rev. H. V. Koop, who has contributed much to this improvement. The new Hymn Supplement has been accepted with more readiness than I dared to hope! But good music and good words will always commend themselves to the unprejudiced.

Children's Service

The regular Sunday Children's Service at 10 a.m. has certainly proved a success. The children now get a Service every Sunday which is carefully planned for them and teaching which is suitable and consecutive. The Lady Chapel is always full to overflowing, the numbers having grown from less than twenty to over fifty. The Waifs and Strays Society and the Victoria Home have received greatly increased help in consequence. It was cheering to hear from one mother that she has had occasion to say to her son "If you're not good you won't be allowed to go to the Children's Service.

I think that we have been successful in improving the lighting of the Cathedral. Much experimenting was necessary, but the result has justified it, and the cost has been very moderate. The Chancel and Sanctuary only have been dealt with so far. With a view to the possible improvement of the rest of the lighting the General Electric Co. has kindly had photographs taken, at their own expense, which will be sent to England for expert advice.

The C.E.M.S.

The interior decoration of the Cathedral, long overdue, and delayed still further until the completion of the Chancel lighting, is now in progress. The Sunday evening socials have been carried on throughout the year with a break of some weeks in the Summer. These are an excellent institution, much appreciated by Service men especially. Those who have so splendidly helped with the organization of them and by providing entertainment have done a good work.

The Church of England Men's Society, under the keen chairmanship of Professor L. Forster, and with the energetic help of the Secretary, Mr. E. P. Robinson, has made a valuable contribution to our common life by bringing men together. We have no doubt that its study of Anglo-Chinese relationship will prove useful, and its social evenings have encouraged good fellowship.

Women's Guild

We have reason for continued gratitude to the members of the Women's Guild by whose supervision and work the Cathedral is kept beautifully clean and its furnishing in good condition. They are organised to promote the glory of God in our Cathedral Church, and since their work is done for this purpose they will not wish to be thanked. Nevertheless we are most glad to acknowledge their services. In this connection it is right that we record our great appreciation of the work done in the past by Lady Pollock. For many years Lady Pollock had devoted herself to all matters connected with the Cathedral with both energy and generosity (applause). She has lately found it necessary to resign from her leadership of the Women's Guild, and we must not let this occasion pass without telling her that we recognise the great debt which the Cathedral owes to her.

Mother's Union

During the past year the Hong Kong branch of the Mother's Union has become more closely attached to the Cathedral, by holding its meetings in the Cahedral Hall and by coming to the Lady Chapel for its Intercessions. We believe that this is a gain both to the branch itself and to the Cathedral. The activities of the branch are now two-fold, there being a group for needlework and a group for study.

Last year was a very busy year for the Cathedral Church Body. The preparation of the proposed new ordinance has involved a vast amount of work. We little knew a year ago how much the abolition of pew rents would involve. I hope that the Bishop will forgive me for telling you that the heaviest share has been borne by him. He has put many weeks of most painstaking and exacting work into this matter. The fact that the Draft Ordinance is ready for your general approval, if you give it, at this meeting is very largely due to him. The help of Mr. Jacks in this work has been invaluable. He came to our aid in the nick of time and has guided us to our present position with much wisdom and patience. Mr. Pattenden and Mr. Ainsworth who were also members of the sub-committee dealing with the ordinance, gave a great deal of time and thought to the matter. We very much regret that Mr. Ainsworth's illness and retirement has made it necessary to fill his place on the Church Body.

New Channels

I feel quite certain that the passing of this proposed new ordinance would mark a very decided step forward for St. John's Cathedral. And if, together with this opening up of new and more efficient channels, a strengthened flow of spiritual life and energy could be produced, we might well look forward with hopefulness to the future.

No amount of organisation by itself can advance the Kingdom of God. The spirit of real devotion to God is of infinitely more importance. Without that the organisation is a mere dead body. But where the two go together God has an effective instrument for His use.

The Accounts

The hon. treasurer, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, presented the statement of accounts, showing a loss on the year's working of $6,021.81. He pointed out that on the present basis of income and expenditure further deficits, which he estimated at from $5,000 to $6,000, would recur annually unless Cathedral income expanded.

The Bishop proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cassidy, who had been treasurer for three years and is going on leave this year.

New Ordinance

Mr. Justice Jacks proposed a motion "generally to approve the principles contained in the proposed Church of England Trust Ordinance and Regulations for Church Councils."

Mr. W. L. Pattenden seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. Cassidy proposed the following motion:—"To approve the abolition of pew rents as from the passing of the Ordinance and the formation of the new electorate. A register of seatholders to be kept in the meantime and rents to be charged as in the past.

Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian seconded and the motion was carried.

The Bishop then announced that an extraordinary meeting of seatholders and subscribers will be held, at such time and place as shall be announced later, to approve the bill and any draft regulations in their final form and conditionally to elect two lay trustees in accordance with clause 3 (1) of the draft Church of England Trust Ordinance, 1929, who shall come into office if and when such Ordinance is passed.

Church Body

The following lay members of the Church body were then elected by ballot:—Lt.-Col. W. F. Christian, Mr. Justice Jacks, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. C. Blaker, Professor L. Forster.

The Dean proposed a motion:—To instruct the Church Body to arrange for the formation of an electoral roll on the lines of the draft regulations for Church Councils, 1929, clause 17 (b).

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected auditors.

The Dean then moved that no Church Council be appointed pending the coming into operation of the new Bill. It was decided not to proceed with the motion.

Sidesmen

The Church of England Diocesan Conference will be held on Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8. The Cathedral is entitled to send eight representatives. The following were elected, as representatives:—the lay members of the Church Body, Lady Pollock and Mrs. Duppuy.

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the Cathedral at 7.45 a.m. each day of the Conference. The first session will be held on March 7 in the Cathedral Hall from 5.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. and the second session on March 8 at the same hour and place.

The following were elected as sidesmen:—Messrs. T. T. W. Carr, Andrew Cheung, L. A. R. Duncan, J. Grenham, H. Owen Hughes, B. J. de H. Moore, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, E. R. Robinson, H. C. Reaker, N. L. Ralston, R. A. Slade, W. H. Tarrant, W. Jackson, W. L. Pattenden, G. A. C. Herklots.

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8 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor Records).

Selection from "Good News,"
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"She Is My Daisy,"
"When I Was Twenty-One,"
Sir Harry Lauder.

"Poet And Peasant," Overture.
Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"I Love To Tell The Story,"
"Where Is My Boy To-night?"
Contralto. Louise Homer.

"In A Monastery Garden,"
"Romance,"
Victor Concert Orchestra.

"Ol' Man River," (from "Show Boat,"
Selection from "Show Boat,"
Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra.

"Song Of The Volga Boatman,"
"Within The Tomb Forgotten,"
Bass. Feodor Chaliapin.

"In A Persian Market,"
"In A Chinese Temple Garden,"
International Concert Orchestra.

"Trovatore Selection,"
Creatore's Band.

"La Campanella,"
"Nocturne In F Sharp Major,"
Piano Solo.
Ignac Jan Paderewski.

"Blue Danube," Waltz.
"Wedding Dance," Waltz.
International Concert Orchestra.

"Festivals,"
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"A Wee Desch An' Doris,"
"Breakfast In Bed On Sunday Morning,"
Sir Harry Lauder.

"Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life,"
Waring's Concert Orchestra.

"Chloe," (Song Of The Swamp).
Paul Whiteman and his Concert Orchestra.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.
Dance Music.
God Save The King.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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Sport Columns

SOCCER MATTERS

DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL MEETING

SHIELD COMPETITION

The draw for the second round of the soccer Shield Competition, made at a H. K. Football Association council meeting last evening, resulted as follows:—

Senior Division

Queen's v. R.A., at Sookumpoo.
China A.A. v. Kowloon, at Club.
S. China v. Navy, at Caroline Hill.
Recreio v. Police, at King's Park.

Junior Division

Navy v. Police, at Caroline Hill.
Queen's v. S. China, at Sookumpoo.
P.W.D. v. China A.A., (B) at Club.
K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., at Kowloon.

It was subsequently pointed out that the Queen's Regiment would not be present in the Colony on the date fixed, they being relieved by the Somerset Regiment. The dates, it is understood, will be made over to the latter Regiment.

Those present included:—Mr. R. Hall (Chairman), Mr. W. E. Hollands (Secretary), Mr. G. T. May (Treasurer), and Messrs. A. T. Hamilton, R. M. Dyer, P. P. J. Wodehouse, J. Ormiston, H. K. Lee, F. Smith, F. W. Black, Commdr. Byron, R. N., Lieut. Commdr. J. P. White, R.N., and Captain A. W. Austin, I.A.

It was announced that the Interport games had been fixed for February 11, 13 and 16, the dinner to take place on the evening of the last-named date at the Savoy Hotel.

Lt.-Comdr. White was appointed to fill the vacancy on the council caused by the retirement of J. W. Barber, to whom it was agreed to send a letter of thanks for his services as R.N. and R.M. representative.

The suspension of Tso Kwai-shing was confirmed.

LEEDS UNITED FINED

YOUNG OLDHAM PLAYER ALSO IN TROUBLE

Leeds United Football Club were fined £25 for illegally approaching S. Lloyd, a young player, on the books of Oldham Athletic by a special commission of the Football League sitting at Manchester.

Lloyd, who was fined £10 for signing two forms of the same denominations, was declared a Leeds player.

The commission ordered immediate payment of £100 transfer fee, with the further conditions that an additional payment of £150 be made to Oldham Athletic should Lloyd figure in one League game with Leeds United, and in the event of the player figuring in the Leeds first team on twelve occasions payment of a further sum of £250, making a total of £500 in all.

INDOOR RINK

ROOM FOR 1,000 SKATERS AT NEW RICHMOND CLUB

Richmond's Ice Rink Club, which was opened during the mail week, and can accommodate 1,000 skaters on the ice together, is the world's largest indoor rink. It is to be open to the public on several evenings a week, when the maximum charge will be five shillings.

The skating surface is 286 feet long and 85 feet wide. Between 2,500 and 3,000 spectators can also be accommodated.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, Major K. M. Beaumont, Major B. M. Patton, Sir Murdoch Macdonald, Capt. A. G. Herbert, of the Figure Skating Club (international style), and Mr. R. S. Hewett, hon. secretary of the Speed Skating and Figure Skating (English style) Committee of the National Skating Association, are among the members.

Mr. Basil Williams, the well-known amateur and ex-champion skater, is the skating secretary of the new club and will generally supervise and arrange the programmes.

FIRST CENTURY

HOBBS SHINES AT ADELAIDE

Adelaide, Yesterday.

In a match here the M.C.C. scored 392 (Sutcliffe 122, Hobbs 75, Hendren 90; Carlton five for 64) and 307 for five wickets declared.

Hobbs, in the second innings, got his first century of the present tour, scoring 101. Jardine made 114.

South Australia were dismissed for 178 (V. Richardson 87; White seven for 66) and 75 for one wicket. Rain then came on and the match was therefore left drawn.—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Sydney, Yesterday.

New South Wales won the Sheffield Shield, beating Victoria on the first innings. Don Bradman secured 340 runs not out in a total of 713 for six wickets declared for the winners, while Victoria knocked up 265 and 510 for seven.—Reuter.

TUNNEY'S NEW ROLE

CHAMPION BOXER AS FELLOWSHIP AMBASSADOR

There was an historic interchange of international good-fellowship between the Royal Marines of Great Britain and American Marines, at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth, when Captain James J. Tunney, American Marines, better known as "Gene" Tunney, the world-famous boxer, on behalf of the American Marine Corps, presented the British Royal Marines with a handsome silver cup for the Divisional football competition. The present was a return compliment for a gift some time ago of a pedigree bulldog mascot by the British Royal Marines. The cup, which is to be competed for annually, has a marble plinth and figures in bronze.

The presentation took place at a parade of the whole division, and the cup was received by the Adjutant-General of the Royal Marines, General L. S. T. Halliday, V.C.

"I would like to ask the privilege to bow my head in prayer for the speedy recovery of your King," said Capt. Tunney at the close of his presentation speech. An impressive silence followed.

BARSON SUSPENSION

F.A. IGNORE PETITION OF 15,000 PEOPLE

The giant petition organised by the Watford Football Supporters' Club, and signed by 15,000 people, has suffered the same fate as its predecessor.

The Football Association declines to reconsider the case of Frank Barson, the Watford international centre half, who was suspended to the end of the season for misconduct in the Watford v. Fulham match last September.

Mr. F. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, said that the following answer had been sent to the Supporters' Club with reference to a letter they wrote to the Football Association on Dec. 5:—

The signatories to the petition cannot know the facts of the case. We therefore must decline to reopen the matter.

Mr. Wall added that he could say nothing further concerning the petition.

The previous petition, bearing 5,000 signatures was, after presentation by the late Mayor of Watford, burned in the Football Association's offices.

RUGGER INTERPORT

The rugger Interport game against Shanghai will take place on the H.K.F.C. ground on Saturday, February 9 at 3.30 p.m. Admission charges, etc. are advertiseed to-day.

A MURDER

MAN FORCED TO DRINK POISON

HATRED THEORY

New York. — The New York police, under the new Commissioner, Mr. Grover Whalen, have been called upon to solve what is considered one of the most fantastic murder mysteries which has confronted the department for years.

The victim, Henry Gaw, a night watchman at the laboratory of Guggenheim Brothers, was apparently forced to drink coffee into which the murderer had poured a large quantity of cyanide of potassium.

The man's death might be ascribed to suicide were it not for the presence of a mysterious man, who held up, bound, and robbed two lorry drivers who reached the laboratory early in the morning with a consignment of tear gas. This man admitted the drivers in the regular way, but, after felling one with a pistol butt, compelled the other to bind his colleague.

The intruder then took about £5 from the pockets of the drivers and left them both bound in a room adjoining that where Gaw lay dead.

The police believe that this robbery was merely designed to mislead them into attributing Gaw's death to a hold-up.

They are convinced that his murder was so cold-blooded that it could only have been committed to satisfy intense hatred. They surmise that the intruder entered the laboratory for the sole purpose of killing Gaw, and, finding him eating his supper, poured the poison into his coffee, which was half consumed.

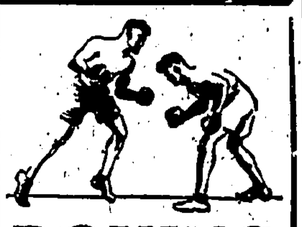
Gaw's lips and tongue were horribly burned, chemical analysis showing that the coffee contained a large amount of the poison.

If robbery was the object of Gaw's slayer the police are unable to account for the fact that a man with plenty of time to obtain valuable drugs and chemicals took nothing beyond the pocket money of the drivers who had arrived unexpectedly before daybreak.

One of the drivers is convinced that he had seen the robber working about the laboratory on previous visits, and it is assumed that he was a former employee with whom Gaw may have quarrelled. This, the police say, would explain how he knew the deadly effect of the poison and where to obtain it.

War stock to the value of several hundred pounds was found on Patrick Dunn, aged about 70, who was discovered dead, dressed in old newspapers, in his room at a house in Newington-crescent, Southwark, S.E.

Mr. Francis Dodd, A.R.A., has been appointed an additional trustee of the National Gallery.



BOXING

(Hong Kong Boxing Association)

EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMME

LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY,

9th FEB.

(9.15 p.m.)

CITY HALL

MONEY AND SHARES

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T.T. on Shanghai	78¾
Banks	
H.K. Bank	$1340 b 1350 s & sa
H.K. London Reg.	£147 n
Chartered Bank	£22⅝ b 22⅛ sa
Mercantile A. & B.	$34½ n
Mercantile C.	£15⅛ n
P. & O. Bank	£9¾ n
Bank of East Asia	$94 b
Insurances	
Canton Insurance	$685 b 690 s
Union Insurance	$368 b 371 s
North China Insurance	T160 b
Yangtze Insurance	M$50 n
China Underwriters	$2 b 2.20 sa
China Fire Insurance	$280 b
H.K. Fire Insurance	$785 n
Shipping	
Douglases	$36 b 37 s
H.K. Steamboats	$26.90 s 26½ sa
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	$1.40 n
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$50 b
Indo-Chinas (Def.)	$90 n
Shell Transports	97/6 n
Shell Transports (new)	—
Union Water-boats	$24 n
Mining	
Benguets	$2.40 b
Kailan Mining Ad.	69/7½ n
Langkats (Comb.)	T11.60 b 11.80 sa
Langkats (Single)	T6 n
Shanghai Explorations	T2.90 b
Shanghai Loans	$3.10 b
Raubs	$5¾ n
Tronoh Mines	17/6 n
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. & K. Wharves	$132½ b
H.K. & W. Docks	$40½ n
China Providents	$5.10 b
Hongkews	T162½ b
New Engineerings	T5¼ n
Shanghai Docks	T106 b
Cotton Mills	
Ewo Cottons	T12.90 s 12¾ sa
Oriental Cottons	T2 n
Shanghai Cottons (Old)	T65½ n
Shanghai Cottons (New)	T32 n
Lands, Hotels & Buildings	
H.K. & S. Hotels	9.15 b 9¼ s 9 sa
H.K. Lands	$65 n
Shanghai Lands	T165 b
Humphreys' Estates	$15 b
H.K. Realties	$8½ b
H.K. Territorials	—
Prince's Buildings	—
Public Utilities	
H.K. T'ways	$20.45 b 20¾ s [20½/.60 sa
Peak Trams (old)	$13 s
Peak Trams (new)	$6.80 n
Star Ferries	$73 s
China Lights (comb.)	—
China Lights (old)	$12½ b 12¾ s
China Lights (new)	—
China Lights 1928 issue	—
H.K. E'trics (old)	$53¼ b 53¾ s
E'tric (new)	$52 b 52½ s
Macao Electrics	$26¾ b
H.K. Telephones	$6.90 s old [6.80 n new
China Buses	$11¼ b
Singapore Tractions	11/6 n
Singapore Pref.	17/6 b 18/3 s
Sandakan Lts.	$5 n
Industrials	
China Sugars	$1.05 n
Malabon Sugars	$25½ b
Canton Ices	$3½ n
Cements (comb.)	$9.55 b 9.60 sa
Cements (old)	$7.80 n
Cements (new)	$1½ b
H.K. Ropes (old)	$7.20 n
Hong Kong Ropes (new)	$7.10 n
United Asbestos	$5 n
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms	$21¾ s
Watsons	$13.30 s
Der A. Wings	80 cts. b
Lane, Crawfords	$3.05 n
Mackintoshs	$20 n
Sinceres	$10¼ b
Wm. Powells	$3.65 n
Miscellaneous	
Hong Kong Amusements	$27 s
Hong Kong Constructions	$1½ n
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds	66½% n
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% b Prem.

Representations have been made to the Home Secretary on behalf of Battle Abbey estate (Sussex) trustees and tenant, supported by the Battle District Council, for the abolition of the annual November fair on the ancient market green of the Abbots of Battle.

Mr. Richard Elton, of Junction-road, Northampton, collapsed and died while watching the Northampton v. Walsall football match at Northampton, and Mr. James Green, a commercial traveller, of Wolverton-street, Liverpool, dropped dead at the entrance to the Liverpool Club's ground.

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Credits, 60 days' sight	50¼
On Bombay—	
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On Calcutta—	
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On Singapore—	
On demand	86½
On Manila—	
On demand	97¾
On Shanghai—	
On demand	78½
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On Yokohama—	
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LONDON EXCHANGES.

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New York	4.84 31/32
Brussels	34.895
Geneva	25.21¾
Amsterdam	12.09⅜
Milan	92.625
Berlin	20.415
Stockholm	18.14¼
Copenhagen	18.18¼
Oslo	18.19⅜
Vienna	34.50
Prague	163¾
Helsingfors	192¾
Madrid	29.69
Lisbon	109¾
Athens	375
Bucharest	808
Rio	5 29/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/16
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	2/6 ¾
Hong Kong	2/0
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
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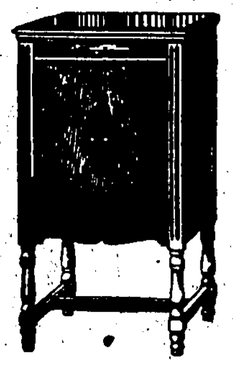

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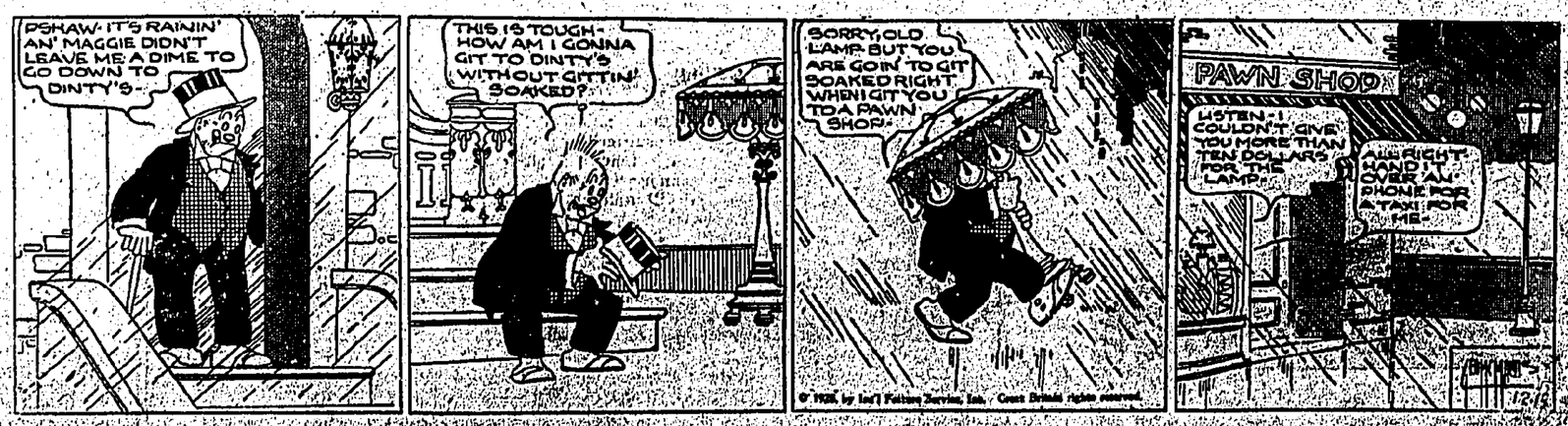


WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

General Bramwell Booth & His Sister

General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, with his sister Evangeline, who returned to London to attend the meeting of the High Council. Both names have been prominent in the news of late.

Mediators in Gran Chaco Dispute

The special mediation committee of the Pan-American Conference, which, at a meeting in Washington, adopted a plan that was suggested to Bolivia and Paraguay as a basis for settling their dispute over border territory. Left to right, seated, are Messrs. Manuel Foster (Chile); Gurgel de Amaral (Brazil); Dr. Victor Maurtua (Peru); Charles E. Hughes (the United States); and Dr Hidalgo Ferrara (Cuba). Standing are P. L. Boal (secretary) and Benj. Cohen (interpreter).

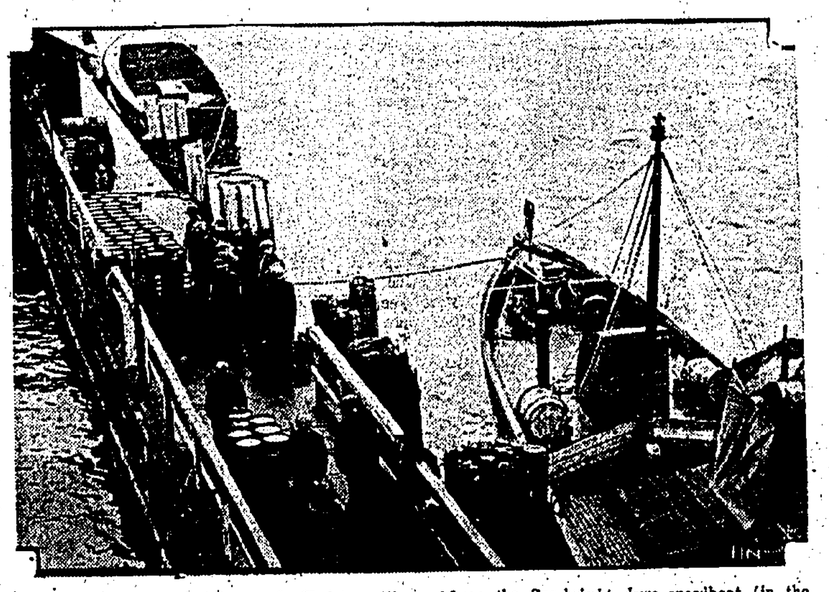
London's Christmas Trees!

A part of the forest of Christmas trees as they arrived by train in London.

Engagement Announced

Miss Alanna G. Rockefeller, the daughter of Mrs. William G. Rockefeller, and a grandniece of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, sr., and Mr. M. Roy Jackson, jr., a noted clubman and sportsman, whose engagement has just been announced. The photo shows them at the Ensign Sweepstakes steeplechase.

G$150,000 in Christmas Liquors Seized



Unloading a record seizure of Christmas liquors from the Sea-bright dory speedboat (in the background), which was captured by American police off Staten Island. When the cutter came up, the speedboat's motor was running, but no trace of the crew was to be found. The larger craft in the foreground is the "James B.," captured a fortnight earlier.

Boxer in an Unusual Role

Al Singer, a featherweight boxer who is looked upon as likely to succeed to the lightweight crown, helps in his brother's optical store. Here he is selling a pair of glasses to a fair customer.

Section of Bridge Collapses

A view of the damaged portion after the massive 1,000-tons eastern section of the Lincoln Highway Bridge over the Hackensack River between Jersey City and Kearny toppled into the stream. The bridge is what is termed a "double jackknife" span, the total cost of which was roughly G$2,000,000. The "lift" fell as it was being lowered after letting through a tugboat and two other craft.

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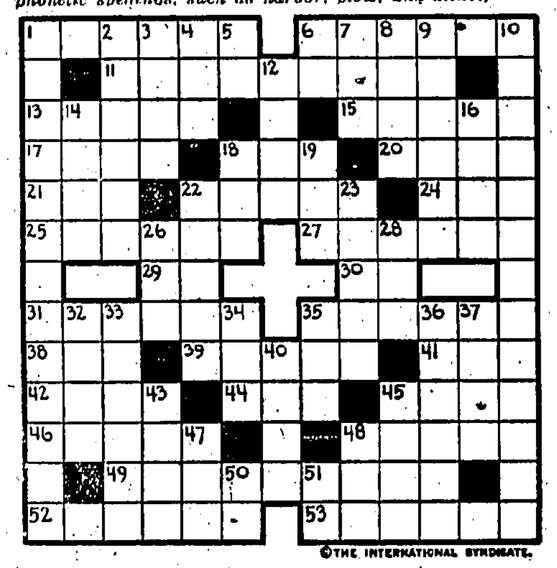
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1–A rector (British)
6–Withered
11–Capacity of a dielectric for opposing electric charge
13–Any rich man
15–Begin
17–Woody plant
18–Beverage
20–To foretell (Scot.)
21–Ill
22–Demon
24–Mistake
25–Conquer
27–Crown
29–Close to
30–College degree (abbr.)
31–Intuition
35–Former kingdom of N. E. Spain
38–Part of the body
39–Dog-like
41–A leading country (abbr.)

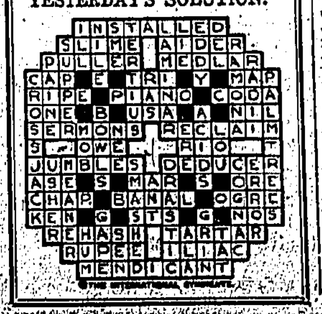
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
42–Military signal
44–Golf term
45–A casket
46–An ancient Greek epic poem
48–Straight lines from center of circle to circumference
49–Large river in S. United States
52–One who needs
53–Place of confinement

VERTICAL
1–Corruption
2–Revolutionists
3–A drug plant
4–A flap
5–Suffix to form plural of nouns
6–A continent (abbr.)
7–Ensign (abbr.)
8–Deeds
9–Harvested
10–Decision
12–Narrative

VERTICAL (Cont.)
14–Melody
16–Valuable
18–Wind
19–Conclusion
22–Noisome
23–Record of daily events
26–To make tatting
28–An Arabian garment
32–Verbal
33–A powerful nation
34–Small bed
35–Era
36–Leaders
37–Combining form. Bone
40–To equip
43–Recited
45–A Turkish chief judge
47–Female deer
48–Royal Naval Reserve (abbr.)
50–European country (abbr.)
51–A month (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



HONG KONG HEIGHTS

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Taimoshan	3124
Mainland.	**Feet.**
Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

CIVIL SERVICE

QUESTION OF GREAT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

THEIR REMUNERATION

The present position of the question of Civil Service remuneration may well cause the taxpayer some anxiety, says a correspondent in the "Economist." As the Treasury Memorandum on the Civil Estimates of 1928 set forth, the cost-of-living bonus was estimated at 70 per cent. for the first half of the year and 65 per cent. for the second, as against 75 per cent. and 70 per cent. for 1927, with a consequent saving of £1,400,000. The saving on the first half of 1928 has been realized; but though the index figure for the second half has fallen as anticipated, the corresponding reduction of the bonus is being strenuously resisted by the machinery duly provided for such purposes in the present constitution of the Service, and a sum of nearly three-quarters of a million is thus in dispute. Moreover, the Treasury, on first contact between the opposing forces, made haste to offer half this sum by reducing the bonus to a basis of 67½ instead of to 65, with the substitution of yearly for half-yearly revisions and postponement of the next revision to December, 1929—steps which, if the fall in the cost of living should continue, may prove expensive in the ensuing year. The Service organizations, stirred to action by the ex-soldier clerks, who claim to be secured (like the war pensioners) against all their liability to cost-of-living reductions, rejected the Treasury offer as inadequate, and the matter now stands referred to a Committee of the National Whitley Council of the Service, with the reference "to inquire into the operation of the cost-of-living agreement of 1920 and to make such recommendations as may appear desirable." Whatever the outcome of this may be, it is clear that the taxpayer stands to lose at least the £350,000 offered by the Treasury for the current year, with a corresponding excess on the Estimates, and small hope of avoiding further losses in the years to come. In introducing his last Budget, Mr. Churchill declared that reductions in the Civil Service were the surest method of economising and saving money to meet the large future automatic increases of expenditure to which the Government is committed. A pamphlet, Mr. Churchill's Budget Pledges and Performances, recently published by the League to Enforce Public Economy, concludes, from a tentative analysis of the Estimates, that apart from the saving on bonus (which itself is now being whittled away) the cost of the Service as a whole shows a substantial increase. The contrast between the Chancellor's hopeful picture and this unofficial presentation of the reality is disquieting.

The Bonus System

The terms of reference above quoted have been hailed in the Press as bringing into view the substitution of new permanent scales of pay for the bonus system. Whether as steps toward that end or otherwise, they are wide enough to cover the reconsideration of the whole basis of the official cost-of-living index, its applicability to households above the working-class level, the graduation of the bonus from full percentage at £91 a year to half at £450, and nothing at £2,000; and—*infandum renovare dolorem*—the supercut of 1921, on which the Industrial Court, as Arbitrator, gave forth so uncertain a sound in 1926. But before so large a question as the remuneration of the Civil Service can be satisfactorily disposed of, there are other important points to consider, which lie beyond the competence of the National Whitley Council.

The theory of the bonus system is that it keeps the real wages of the lowest grades at the 1914 level, with somewhat less favourable treatment for the better-paid, in harmony with the proportionately larger advantages secured by unskilled labour as the outcome of the war period. If the basic scales throughout the Service had remained substantially as in 1914, the problem of stabilization, when the time was ripe for it, *i.e.*,, when changes in price-levels had become so gradual as only to call for resettlement of incomes at considerable intervals of time, would have been the simple one of determining at what point in the scale the bonus percentage should be permanently pegged, in view of the trend of prices. But, in fact, the whole structure of classes, grades, and salaries has been recast since 1919, and the question of price levels is now the least part of the problem of keeping real remuneration either at the 1914 level or in any defined relation to it. Other things being equal, the number of officials of a certain grade who share the responsibility for a given area of the administrative field must obviously affect the remuneration proper for each. How far other things, now and in 1914, are equal, and in what salary relations the new classes and grades should stand to those they have replaced are questions requiring full examination and independent judgment by disinterested persons; but on the important question of numbers some light has recently been thrown. It appears from the pamphlet above referred to that, omitting all new Departments of State, in the principal old departments which retain most resemblance to their pre-war scope, the number of superior posts (taking for this purpose those in which the basis maximum is £1,000 or over) has more than doubled since 1914. From this fact, and from the higher salaries now attached to posts of which the general character of the duties remains unaltered, the pamphlet concluded that there has been a considerable element of "grading-up" of basic salaries. If these figures and the inference drawn from them are to be accepted, they would seem to affect the contention in the article in the "Economist" of September 22 on this subject that in present remuneration "no account whatever is paid to the expansion of life." In any event, the question of what degree of expansiveness in the pay of public servants is justified in the present state of the public purse is not a matter to be settled by departmental authorities.

Cost of Living

It was suggested, in the article of September 22, that the time has come to attempt "a scientific estimate of the cost of life on various grades so that the Civil Service might become a criterion"—an extended application of the dictum that the State should be the model employer. Here, indeed, is a wide sea for navigation, with very little down on the chart; but shoals have been located at two points. It is essential that Government, when it intervenes in wage disputes (as on occasion it now must), should come on to the field uncommitted to either side of the quarrel. But how, in the name of Cabinet solidarity, is a Minister or official to do this if the Government has already set up its own wages standards as a "criterion" to other employers? Those standards necessarily make it a party to the dispute, to sap nothing of the occasions they provide to one or the other side in otherwise peaceful trades to press for assimilation to them. For this reason when, 20 years ago, the Liberal Government was developing its Labour policy, it chose the alternative method of leaving employers and trade unions to find out by the method of trial and error what wages an industry could pay in a competitive world, and pledging Government not to fall short of that standard in its capacity as employer. Government can and should follow the standards reached by good employers, but must not attempt to lead.

But the difficulty of fixing standards of remuneration by the method of "scientific estimates" is even greater than the danger of their effects. In Australia, the land of bold experiments in labour legislation, a Commonwealth Commission under a K.C. set up in 1919 to decide on scientific lines the wages necessary to keep a working class family of man, wife, and three children in a fair state of comfort, after laborious and minute investigations, found a figure of £5 16s a week, which produced from the Commonwealth statistician a demonstration that the entire produced wealth of the country, divided equally among the workers, would not yield that figure. And as, at the higher levels of remuneration, the larger proportion of income remaining after provision of the bare necessaries of life, would present more and more bewildering choices of alternative objects of expenditure, the scientific method would be likely to lead to still more absurd results.

Finally, there is the question whether the governance of the Civil Service by a branch of the Treasury through the machinery of the National Whitley Council should cover not only the administrative details that arise day by day, but also important structural questions such as in the past have been referred to Royal Commissions. The logical postulate of the Whitley plan, that the men on both sides of the Council table are dealing with matters at their own financial risk, is necessarily absent when the "employers" side is replaced by an "official" side dispensing public money, and, in fact, forcing other members of its own class among the representatives constituting the "staff" side. Of the absence, at the present time, of representatives of the higher classes of Civil servants from the staff side it is unnecessary in this connection to speak. It is not that there are limits to the power of the Civil servant as an individual to rise superior to his own personal interests in those of the public; but that while on the staff side his plain duty is to press the claims of his colleagues as far as reason allows, on the official side, dealing on behalf of the taxpayer with the large issues these claims may raise, his equivocal position and lack of independent status deprive his action of due authority in the public eye. The official side of necessity the Treasury *mutato nomine*, and any offer made or agreement concluded by it must be regarded as carrying practically final authority; for the Cabinet (the Treasury being already committed) has no other organ to enable it to re-examine the question, while in this as in other matters the supposed final control of the House of Commons means only in the last resort a vote of confidence by a party majority. The position well illustrates one of the paradoxes of government, of which other conspicuous examples have been visible in the constructive activities of some modern Chancellors of the Exchequer, that to put an administrative province under the supreme financial authority is, in fact, to exempt it from financial control. Nowhere in the present administration of the Civil Service is that independent authority brought to bear which a Royal Commission supplies, taking its evidence in public, and stating the grounds of its recommendations fully in its report, to which the Treasury can then apply its unrivalled critical acumen and intimate knowledge of the subject, before Government takes its decision. After ten years of governance of the Civil Service by the Civil Service, the fruits are beginning to declare the tree.

A verdict of Accidental Death was returned at a Hampstead inquest on Elphin Lloyd Jones, aged 12, son of Mr. Tom Jones, Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet, who was knocked down by a motor-car near his home in Belsize Park, N.W.

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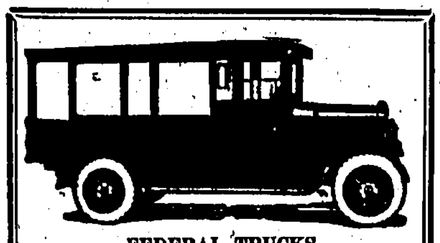

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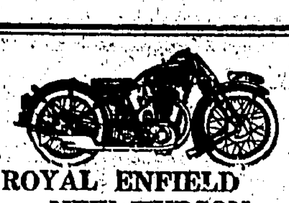

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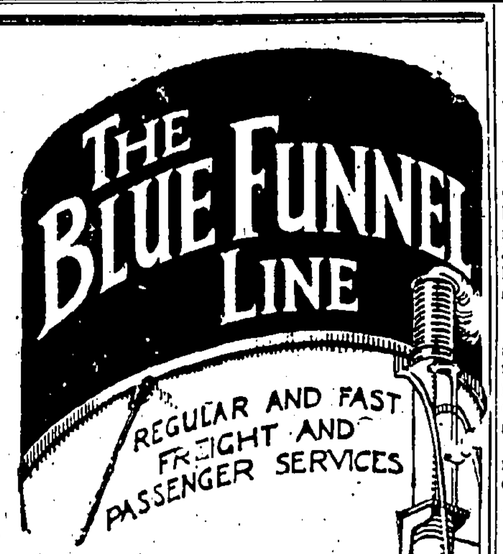

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JAPAN APPROVES

THE NEW CHINA TARIFF AGREEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS TO PEKING

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Privy Council has formally approved the China tariff agreement. It is understood that the Japanese Charge d'Affaires in Peking will be instructed by cable to sign accordingly.

An earlier cable read:—

The Privy Council is expected to approve the new China tariff tomorrow whereupon, with the Emperor's sanction, the Charge d'Affaires at Peking will be telegraphically instructed to sign.

A formal ratification will not be required as it is merely an exchange of notes and not a treaty.

Trend of Negotiations

Nanking, Yesterday.

For the first time since the present conversations began, Dr. C. T. Wang (China's Foreign Minister) has sounded a note of optimism when interviewed with regard to his 2½ hours' conference with Mr. K. Yoshizawa (Japanese Minister to China) this afternoon.

He declared that much progress had been made, but was reticent as to the discussion. However, it is understood the Shantung question was again brought up, and concrete proposals for a settlement of the Tsinan Incident were discussed.

"Closer"

Reports from authoritative sources indicate that Sino-Japanese views as to a settlement of the Shantung question are now closer than at any time previously. No further meeting is likely for at least three days. It is learned that Mr. Yoshizawa is leaving for Shanghai to-morrow, while Dr. Wang will proceed thither in the course of the next few days. The next conference will be either at Shanghai or Nanking, all depending on where Dr. Wang is when Mr. Yoshizawa receives his instructions from Tokyo.—Reuter.

LUNGKOW MUTINY

NORTHERN MILITARISTS AS INSTIGATORS?

Peking, Yesterday.

The Japanese landing force at Lungkow has been withdrawn aboard the two destroyers which still remain in harbour. The mutineers marched southward to Hsiaoyi, where a well-armed body of "Red Spears" are preparing to resist them. During the mutiny, they murdered most of their officers as well as a number of Chinese officials.

It is significant that the commander of the 2nd division, a part of which mutinied, is Liu Kai-tai, who proceeded from Lungkow to Dairen on Jan. 22, returning to Lungkow on Jan. 24. The mutiny broke out on Jan. 25, hence it is suggested that General Chang Tsung-chang and possibly other Northern militarists are behind the movement:—Reuter.

New Delhi, Yesterday.—The Assembly by 53 votes to 34 has voted the adjournment sine die of the Bill introduced by the Indian member Sarda prohibiting child marriages. The Government was in favour of the postponement.—Reuter.

New York, Yesterday.—The death is announced of Ogden Mills, the well-known financier and sportsman.—Reuter.

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REVOLT PLANNED

ARTILLERY REGIMENT SEIZE POLICE BARRACKS

GOVERNMENT VICTORY

Madrid, Yesterday.

An official statement says that a revolt planned for last night proved abortive except at Cinduad Real where an artillery regiment seized the police barracks and took up a position with guns in the streets.

Trains have been stopped and repressive measures are being taken.

Later.

Loud cheers greeted General Primo de Rivera's announcement in the Assembly to-night that the crisis at Cinduad real was ended.—Reuter.

RAIN OR MIST

N. E. winds, fresh, overcast, rain or mist, is the forecast, until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone central over S. E. Monogolia has weakened. The depression to the north of the Bonins has deepened and that to the south of Naha has filled up.

The Western depression is now central to the south of Phulien.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

THE S.S. "MERAUKE"

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TWO MORE COLLISIONS

London, Yesterday.

Efforts are being made to-day to effect temporary repairs to the Rotterdam Lloyd liner "Merauke" of 6,600 tons, which was beached in a sinking condition near Hythe yesterday. She was on the final stages of a journey from the Dutch East Indies to Rotterdam via Liverpool and London.

The damage suffered was extensive, and when the liner was observed to be down by the head, the Dungeness lifeboat put out but her services were not needed, two tugs taking the "Merauke" in tow towards Dover Harbour.

In The Fog

Earlier in the day another collision occurred in the fog off Dungeness. The British steamer "Ravelston" of 2,000 tons collided with the Greek steamer "Neion" The latter was slightly damaged and proceeded to Dover, but the "Ravelston" anchored off Dungeness.

A collision between a small steamer and the 7,000 tons oil tanker "Inveruria" in the Mersey estuary yesterday resulted in one of the tanks of the "Inveruria" being pierced.

In Danger of Breaking-Up

Later.

At high tide this afternoon the "Merauke" was awash with heavy seas breaking over her and she appears to be in danger of breaking up. The crew have been taken off by a tug from Dover.—British Wireless Service.

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Li Shui-ki, the owner of private car No. 311, was summoned for causing an obstruction by parking his car there.

An Indian policeman said that the car was parked in the road for 20 minutes unattended.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who appeared for the defendant and also represented the Hong Kong Automobile Association, said that according to his instructions the car was parked at the place for about ten minutes while the defendant went to see a doctor. He submitted that the parking of cars was very difficult in the middle of the day and there was no handy place.

The road was a cul de sac and the car was certainly not obstructing anybody.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.S.P., stated that he had received complaints to the effect that shopfronts were obstructed by cars parked in the road. There was also a very serious Fire Brigade objection.

Mr. Hodgson said that if Mr. Wolfe now said that cars were not allowed to park there, no doubt he would issue notices to that effect, as the matter was one of importance to the Automobile Association.

He submitted that a warning to the defendant would meet with the case.

His Worship agreed.

"BACK TO ROME"

HOME SECRETARY'S PLAIN WORDS

VOWS BROKEN

Another outspoken indictment of the conduct of the Bishop in regard to practices in the Church is framed by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, in an article which appears in the "Empire Review" for November. In it he arraigns the greater number of them as men who avowedly disregard the law, and as active abettors of a highly organized movement to bring their Church back to the teaching, ceremonial, and discipline of the Roman Church from which it was freed at the Reformation. Considering the policy of the majority of the Bishop, as it was promulgated in the statement issued after the recent informal Lambeth Conference, Sir William Joynson-Hicks declares that they acted too hastily.

"They have not given themselves (he writes) time to consider seriously the effect of language which is little less than an assertion that, in spite of its rejection by Parliament, they propose to act upon the provision of the Deposited Book.

"How can they ask men to obey the law when they themselves are avowedly disregarding it? And when they openly lament the inadequacy of the existing law what success can be expected for their promised efforts to prevent any deviation from the 1928 Book?"

This episcopal disregard for law and the observance of vows has, Sir William Joynson-Hick writes, given a shock to very large numbers of people. But he mentions another matter that has "given rise to no little perplexity and amazement."

"For a long time prior to the first consideration of the new Prayer Book by the House of Commons," he says, "the Bishops and many other leaders called for earnest prayer that God's will might be done in this matter; and there is no doubt that much sincere and earnest prayer was offered in that behalf. When the House of Commons rejected the Measure, the most unrestrained language was used by its advocates, who altogether failed to see that the vote might possibly be the answer to those prayers.

Romish Literature

"It was at once resolved to renew the effort to obtain legal sanction for the Book, and again we are solemnly urged to renew our prayers. On the second occasion all parties joined in this appeal, and again there was very much sincere and earnest prayer throughout the country; and once more the Book was rejected. Are the Bishops quite certain that this rejection was not God's answer to the prayers of His people?"

The writer adds:—"I cannot but feel that there is something perilously near to profaneness in the complete disregard by many of the promoters of the Revised Prayer Book of the fact that the action of the House of Commons may quite possibly have been the Divine answer to the prayers that were offered up."

The claim which is being set up, Sir William declares, is virtually on of spiritual autocracy for the Bishops.

"The Bishops (he writes) seem to ignore altogether the fact that the whole matter arose from the existence of a definite and highly organized movement to bring back the Church to the teaching, the ceremonial, and, ultimately, the discipline of the Church of Rome, from which the Reformation freed us. . . . . .

"The Malines Conferences are evidence of it. The production and wide circulation by clergy of the Church of England of literature which professes to represent the teaching of the English Church, but embodies almost the entire Romish doctrine and ritual, is common knowledge. It is equally well known that some of the Bishops give this movement their active support."

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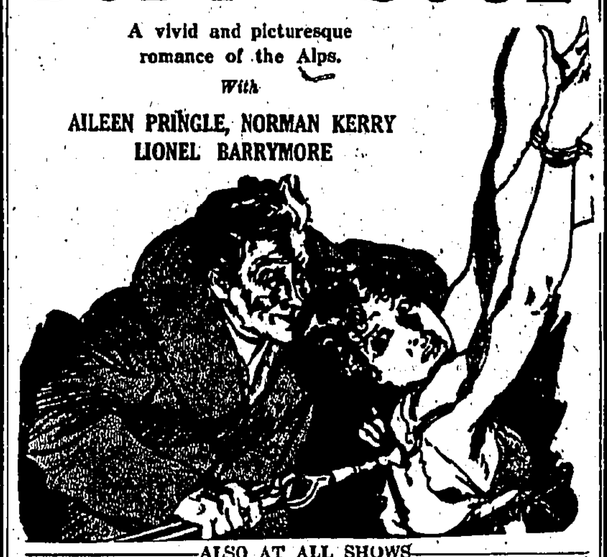

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Undoubtedly an increased use of Indian cotton would bring many direct and indirect advantages.—Reuter.

The marriage took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Penang, the Rev. R. S. Stewart officiating, of Mr. Alexander Macintyre, senior assistant, Sendayan Estate, Kelling, eldest son of the Rev. Archibald Stewart Macintyre and the late Mrs. Macintyre, of Edinburgh, to Miss Margaret, Alice Barnet, daughter of the late John Barnet, of Aberdeen and Mrs. Barnet. The bride, who was given away by Mr. A. W. Osborn, manager of Sendayan Estate, wore a three piece suit in salmon pink crepe de chine and a black lace hat.